



KANSAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
18 June 2005 Fort Riley, Kansas

FLINT HILLS CHAPTER, JUNCTION CITY, KS  
JAYHAWK CHAPTER, LAWRENCE, KS  
KAW VALLEY CHAPTER, TOPEKA, KS  
SANTA FE CHAPTER, LEAVENWORTH, KS

SMOKY HILL CHAPTER, SALINA, KS  
SUNFLOWER CHAPTER, JOHNSON COUNTY, KS  
WICHITA CHAPTER, WICHITA, KS

**COUNCIL OFFICERS PRESENT:**

President: Harry B. Malnicof, MAJ, USMC-RET  
President Elect: Robert V. Hadley, COL, AUS-RET  
Vice-President: David Kennedy, CWO, USMC-RET  
Past President: Jack Strukel, MG, AUS-RET  
Treasurer: Francis R. Fanning, COL, USAF-RET  
Secretary: John W. Halladay, COL, AUS-RET  
Legislative Liaison Chair: Hollis Logan, COL, USAF-RET  
Personal Affairs Chair: Not appointed yet.  
Newsletter/Website Chair: David Kennedy, CWO, USMC-RET

**CHAPTER DELEGATES PRESENT:**

Flint Hills Chapter: Gary LaGrange, COL, USA-RET, President  
Buz Bruzina, LTC, USA-RET, Past President  
James H. Benner, Jr., LTC, USA-RET, Secy/Treas  
Jayhawk Chapter: Robert Longino, LtCol, USMC-RET, President  
John Halladay, COL, AUS-RET, Secretary  
Kaw Valley Chapter: Marion W. Manion, COL, AUS-RET, President  
Sante Fe Chapter: Rich Keller, LTG, USA-RET, President  
Steve Strukel, MAJ, USA-RET, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Smoky Hill Chapter: No one present  
Sunflower Chapter: Douglas Dilday, MAJ, USA-RET, Secretary  
David Kennedy, CWO, USMC-RET  
Wichita Chapter: Roy Haun, CW4, USA-RET, President  
Gary L. Duncan, MAJ, USAF-RET, Past President

**OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS:**

*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER at 1100 hours, all Chapter flags were displayed with the American flag.*

**MAJ Malnicof** - Opened the meeting and introduced COL LaGrange to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

**COL LaGrange** introduced Larry Getherman to give a presentation on Fort Riley and its activities. He gave us a very in-depth report of Fort Riley and the units involved.

**MAJ Malnicof** - Asked everyone to introduce themselves to the group.

**Minutes** - The 5 Mar 05 minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report** - Treasurer's Report was presented. Gen Strukel recommended approval, Seconded by COL Manion and approved.

**Storming the Hill** - MAJ Malnicof mentioned he had sent out a report on his activities on Storming the Hill and explained most all of the Senators and Representatives were either at the Pope's funeral or were out of town. He felt they were successful in getting the attention of the Congress on the issues being pushed, but only two representatives - Congressmen Moran and Moore have actually gone on record to co-sponsor the bills. The items being covered were: RSBP - SBP - S185 - HR808 and HR968.

**MOAA Vacations** - MOAA Vacations, Overland Park, KS, is available to present their programs to your chapters and depending on group travel, \$50 per member could be paid to your Chapter for participating in a travel program.

**ROTC and JROTC Medals** - MAJ Malnicof wants to make sure we present the ROTC and JROTC medals to worthy students during awards ceremonies.

**CWO Dave Kennedy, Web Master** - A hand-out was given to us to let everyone know what the new CHAPTERS/ COUNCILS website would look like and he gave a brief explanation of how it would work. Each chapter would have a brief description of its Chapter Officers and activities. Research has been made to establish a KANSAS COUNCIL WEBSITE and we can purchase the same system as the Jayhawk Chapter is using at \$93.54 per year, or \$186.00 for 2 years. The purchase price includes registration of the desired domain name – [www.KansasMOAA.org](http://www.KansasMOAA.org) – and 14 months service for the price of 12 months. Gen Strukel made a motion to purchase a one year WEBSITE contract, a motion was seconded by LTG Keller and Council approved. CWO Kennedy plans to have each Chapter listed and off-shoot those who currently have WEBSITES. Those Chapters who do not have WEBSITES will come under the Council Site with information about that Chapter, with pictures of Presidents and how they may be contacted. Even though your Chapter President and officers may be listed for contact, all that will show on the screen will be the name and the e-mail address will be hidden so the request for information can be forwarded without disclosing the address. All members names are listed on the Jayhawk Site, but name only.

**COL Jim Pauls, MOAA National** - COL Pauls attended the meeting to push the recruiting program coming up in the future. It is his job to explain the program and let us understand better ways to get new members. While he was here he entertained other questions on which MOAA National could probably provide assistance.

- Salina - Could this Chapter possibly be a satellite to the Flint Hills Chapter? Answer: they are working on this now.
- MOAA - Is the biggest military lobby in Washington.
- The membership is dwindling, mainly due to WWII deaths.
- Recruitment - Need 28,000 to fill losses, but anticipate only 22,500 new members.
- If each Chapter recruited 10 new members this year, we would be in good shape.

**GIVE ME TEN!!!**

- There are 6,300 Chapter members who are not currently on the National membership list. All Chapters need to check their membership and see if you have some members who are on the printout that comes from MOAA National, who do not list a membership number and ask them about joining at the National level.

- The successes MOAA has had in legislative actions had probably saved us about \$3,000 a year.
- MOAA National sends out monthly lists of new prospective members moving into your area, as well as members who have not renewed. These lists are sent to the chapter presidents and secretaries. In January and July there is to be a complete list sent out. Make sure you keep these lists, as they are not renewed.
- The new recruiting program will be a two-year membership at \$24.00 with one-year free. The chapters will receive \$10.00 for each new member and a bonus of \$100 for each ten new members.
- Monetary awards will be made to chapters for new recruits and the details will be forthcoming to each Chapter in the fall, but everyone should start their efforts now.

**COL Gary LaGrange, Flint Hills Chapter** - Guest speakers for the year have been MG Hardy, Fort Riley Commanding General; BG Kearney, Asst Div Commander for Maneuver; COL Buck Connor, 1<sup>st</sup> Bde, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Div Commander in Iraq over the previous year; Sen Lana Oleen and Sen Roger Reitz. LTC Buz Bruzina and his wife represent MOAA at each deployment and re-deployment ceremony. Mrs. Bruzina is actively involved in assisting deployed soldiers with various needs. We participated in the KSU ROTC awards ceremony by giving MOAA Certificates and medals to the outstanding Army and Air Force ROTC cadets. We also gave MOAA Certificates and medals to the outstanding Junior ROTC cadets in our community. We have focused on bringing in National Members who are not members of our Chapter, growing our ranks by four to date.

**COL Marion Manion, Kaw Valley Chapter** - The last two speakers we had were COL Brooks, Irwin Army Hospital, Ft. Riley, and Col Mike Lee, Air Force ROTC at KU. We awarded four scholarships of \$800 to the JROTC program – Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines – with JROTC medals.

**CW4 Roy Haun, Wichita Chapter** - Chapter members supported the community in TV fund-raising by answering phones. Chapter members also had a letter writing campaign to get funding support from the School Board for JROTC program. Nine JROTC scholarships (\$500 each) were awarded with the appropriate medals to include Derby. Currently preparations are under way to coordinate a Veterans Day parade with JROTC support.

**LTG Rich Keller, Santa Fe Chapter** - Gen Keller presented the Outstanding Cadet JROTC medal and certificate to Scott Schultz on 5 May at Leavenworth High School. Merit chapter submission was sent in on 12 May 05. General membership meeting held 17 May with Leavenworth Area development speaker. A Board of Directors meeting is scheduled for 23 June. The chapter will support “Pair Day” at Ft Leavenworth in August with MOAA National like last year. The chapter will support Leavenworth Main Street in September with ten Block Captains. The chapter is lining up sponsors for CGSC students for next year. The chapter is arranging for three volunteers to assist our three high schools with student applications for MOAA scholarships. The chapter is arranging for sponsors for International Officers attending CGSC next year. We will hold regular general membership dinners in July, September and November with featured presentations at each.

**LtCol Robert Longino, Jayhawk Chapter** - Coordination with Habitat is being made for the upcoming dedication of a housing area and street naming for Gen Clay Comfort. ROTC awards and medals were presented to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines at KU. Currently in progress is a telephone recruiting campaign based on the MOAA recruiting list. We have been working on using the Board of Directors in a more effective manner.

**MAJ Doug Dilday, Sunflower Chapter** - The Sunflower Chapter has been actively successful for the first

portion of 2005. Fund raising has proven to be one of the strongest aspects of the chapter, fulfilling our needs for the scholarship foundation and keeping the operating expenses at a manageable level. The last raffle project netted approximately \$2,000 for the scholarship fund. There were no JROTC cadets presented for awards; therefore, the chapter awarded \$3,000 to an Air Force ROTC student at KU. A new Ladies Auxiliary chairperson has made great strides in providing opportunities for the chapter to gather together outside of regular monthly meetings. The first event was a Ladies Brunch that had a nice turnout and all who attended stated that they had a good time and would like to see more such events. The second was a chapter picnic, open to all members and their families. Both of these events have set a solid foundation for the future and offer the membership other activities in which they can participate. Recruiting and retention remain a challenge, but these two committees have done yeoman's work in signing ten new members so far and contacting those members who, for one reason or another, have dropped their membership. The chapter goal is to sign another ten new members during the rest of 2005. The chapter again supported Veterans Stand-Down in downtown Kansas City – twenty members helped with breakfast. The latest is electing wives of members to the Board of Directors.

**COL Hollis Logan, Past Pres** - Council participation is at its highest level and good things are being brought up for the Council members to consider for their chapters.

**GEN Strukel, Past Pres** - Kansas Commission of Veterans Affairs – progress continues at Dodge, Winfield and Wakeeney; Fort Riley still working on deed for the 85 acres west of Manhattan. 35<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division will have new headquarters and Wichita will have a new armory.

**COL Hollis Logan, Legis Chairman** - Items covered of significance at this time: SGLI – \$400,000 must be funded or it will drop back to \$250,000. If the 2.5% Medicare cut takes place, it will affect TriCare. Higher drug co-pay is already in the works. Protect yourself – write to your Congressman on these items.

**COL Robert Hadley, Pres-Elect** - MOAA is our biggest public relations organization for the military in Washington, D.C. When at all possible, use your JROTC for your color guard at meetings. MOAA is a life-time association and we should consider being Life members of this association.

**MAJ Malnicof** - Your prescription glasses are available at your military installation at no cost, and hearing aids are available at cost only. There was a push to have grandchildren put on the MOAA scholarship program; however, it would cut the scholarships by about 20%. General Strukel was asked to have his 2006 Council slate of nominees ready at the next meeting.

**Meetings for 2005** - 13 August 2005, 1100 hours, sponsored by Santa Fe Trail Chapter, details later.  
Fourth Quarter, Topeka Chapter, TBA

Meeting Adjourned at 1500 hours.

FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS PRESIDENT:

*John W. Halladay*  
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COL, AUS, Retired  
Secretary

