



KANSAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON  
6 August 2005, Fort Leavenworth, 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  
Jayhawk Chapter: Robert Longino, LtCol, USMC-RET, President  
Britt Bray, LTC USA-RET, Board Member  
John Halladay, COL, AUS-RET, Secretary  
Kaw Valley Chapter: Marion W. Manion, COL, AUS-RET, President  
Eliot Potter, LtCol, AF-RET, Past President  
Sante Fe Chapter: Rich Keller, LTG, USA-RET, President  
Smoky Hill Chapter: No one present  
Sunflower Chapter: Jim Kelly, CWO4, USMC-RET, President  
Charles T. (Bud) Munson, LCDR, USN-RET, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Wichita Chapter: Roy Haun, CW4, USA-RET, President  
Gary L. Duncan, Maj, USAF-RET, Past President  
Frank Sisson, Maj, USAF-RET, Past Council President  
Aldes G. Miller, CPT, USA-RET, Member

**OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS:** none

*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 LTG Rich Keller to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

**Introductions:** All members present introduced themselves to the group.

## **COL John Tower, Garrison Commander - Special presentation on Fort Leavenworth.**

Some items covered:

- C&GSOC will have two cycles the next two years, August and February, due to the deployment of officers to Iraq. Normally 1,200 students in a class, will be 800 plus this year. It is expected the February class will have approximately 200 to 300 students.
- Budget - \$1,559,922,064, even this kind of funding does not fill all the requirements for the Post.
- Lewis & Clark new facility - \$115M
- St. Ignatius Catholic Chapel burned and a new Chapel, non-denominational, is planned to start building in 2006.
- New housing - \$10.8M - to be managed by civilian contractor.
- A large disciplinary barracks is to be built - Level II to house Ft. Sill, Ft. Knox and Lackland AFB prisoners at Fort Leavenworth.
- Internal Level Education (ILE). All Majors would be picked on their 12<sup>th</sup> year of commissioning by a board and will attend a PPIO all services integrated program, which includes branch specialty training.
- The post will include the TRADOC commander.

**Minutes of 18 June 2005** - A motion was made by Maj Sisson to accept the minutes as printed and seconded by LTG Keller, motion carried.

**Financial report presented** - Motion made to accept Finance report by CWO3 David Kennedy and seconded by LtCol Robert Longino and motion carried.

### **Maj Malnicof:**

- Reported that the Governor signed legislation to provide \$250,000 life insurance to all National Guard members killed in action.
- Good news out of MOAA National: Four out of six Kansas chapters submitting for awards were selected for awards. Category III: Santa Fe - Five Star; Sunflower Chapter - Five Star; Flint Hills Chapter - Four Star and Jayhawk Chapter - Four Star.
- All Chapters must keep up their membership records, in order to be eligible for awards. This means all deceased members must be reported so National knows they are no longer members.
- New membership under the new program will be \$24 for two years, this includes one year FREE!
- Request for DD Form 214 can now be requested on-line through - vetrec -
- All zip codes in Kansas have been assigned to a Chapter for listings at National.
- Scholarships for Grandchildren will be rejected by National per the Board of Directors decision.

### **Website - CWO Kennedy:**

- [www.KSMOAA.org](http://www.KSMOAA.org) is the website for the Council of Chapters for Kansas.
- Jayhawk and Wichita Chapters have their own websites.
- After looking over the Council website, please advise CWO Kennedy of your desired changes.
- The website does include all Chapters in the page so anyone can go to that location for information.

## ***CHAPTER REPORTS ON ACTIVITIES AND BEST PRACTICES:***

### **Santa Fe Chapter: LTG Keller -**

- The last meeting was held on 19 July. The program was an imaginative representation of President Truman by Dr. Morley, a historian from Missouri.
- The next meeting will be held on 20 September and subject will be estate planning.
- The Board of Directors is working on:
  - Main Street activities in Leavenworth festivities.

- Block Captains to supervise setting up vendors, etc., starting at 0600 hours. Chapter hats and shirts with the MOAA crest will be worn by the Captains for identification.

The Ft. Leavenworth Frontier Museum has asked for volunteers to give tours and a request has been sent out to members to volunteer for this duty.

**Flint Hills Chapter:** COL LaGrange - The summer has been quiet, no meetings, and working on retiree day at Fort Riley. A September meeting is also being planned.

**Wichita Chapter:** CW4 Roy Haun - No summer meeting and the next meeting will be September.

- A new program under way is presenting a \$50 bond to the Company Grade officer for the Quarter.
- Adopt a Company for supporting with their deployment and supporting the family while deployed, as well as meeting the unit members returning from deployment.
- **Maj Gary Duncan** is working on a recruiting program for the Reserve and National Guard Officers around Wichita.

**Jayhawk Chapter:** LtCol Bob Longino reports the Board of Directors is working on a scholarship program expansion. The membership is underway for the Fall drive. State Rep. Sloan was the speaker for the July meeting and he covered the problems they face on the school funding business, plus answered many other questions from the members.

The next meeting will be the third Tuesday in September.

A query has been sent out to members requesting their ideas for subject material for the meetings. A golf tournament is planned for September.

**Sunflower Chapter:**

LCDR Bud Munson, newly appointed 1<sup>st</sup> VP, discussed:

- The Board of Directors is working on the new recruiting (10 new members program).
- There is a program to query members who have left as to why they did not renew their membership.

CWO4 Jim Kelly comments:

- The Chapter has its own Website now, thanks to CWO3 Dave Kennedy's tireless efforts. The Website links many items of interest and value to the MOAA membership. It provides the opportunity to join the local Chapter, so all members are encouraged to have potential members take a look at the fine work Dave has done for the Chapter and the Council Website.
- The May raffle ticket netted about \$3,000 for the scholarship program.
- COL Rene Reimann, National Guard called to have someone fill them in on MOAA. LCDR Munson and CAPT Pitney assisted with a briefing. CAPT Pitney reported the results were mixed, at best. Most of the officers they talked to were National MOAA members already and lived outside of the Kansas City area. In any event, potential members were provided generic sign-up sheets and encouraged to join their local chapters. About 50 to 60% of the unit members present were enlisted. Sunday morning LCDR Munson spoke in front of the entire unit for about five minutes to make the MOAA pitch. Time will tell what the results will be, but the two officers are thanked for the presentation on such short notice.
- Annual Chapter New Theater outing on 27 July.
- Chapter members volunteered for assistance with the election and provided their funds received to the scholarship fund.

The balance of the year will entail:

- The Kansas Council of Chapters meetings.
- Committees planning activities:
  - Programs, recruiting
  - Retention
  - Fund raising for scholarships.
  - Auxiliary activities

- Slate of Officers and Directors for 2006.
- Next regular chapter meeting Tuesday evening, 20 September, wine tasting.
- Again, the Christmas auction is on for scholarship fund raising.

**Nominating Committee:** MG Jack Strukel, Jr., Chairman with Maj Gary Duncan and CWO3 David Kennedy.

Nominations were as follows: President - COL Robert V. Hadley, AUS-Ret  
 VP Elect - CWO3 David L. Kennedy, USMC-Ret  
 1<sup>st</sup> VP - LTG Richard F. Keller, USA-Ret  
 2d VP - COL Gary LaGrange, USA-Ret  
 Treasurer - Col Francis R. Fanning USAF-Ret

LCDR Charles Munson recommended nominations be accepted and seconded by Maj Frank Sisson, motion was carried.

**COL Hadley:**

- Applauded CWO Kennedy for his success in setting up the Website for the Council, as did other members of the Council.
- The state of Kansas Chapters are to be congratulated on the high award ratio; four out of six Chapters receiving awards – two **Five Star Awards** and two **Four Star Awards**.

**Col Hollis Logan, Legislative Report:**

- Legislators deferred the Defense Authorization Bill until after the summer vacation.
- Open enrollment for SBP will be 1 October with formularies being worked out.
- Pharmacy formularies are in effect and will cost more for some drugs.
- The Reserve Component TRICARE bill is still being worked on by Congress.
- Death gratuity has been increased and will probably be in the final Def Auth Bill.
- Now is the time to contact your Representatives and Senators on these issues.
- The Kansas Council meetings get better each time we meet.

**MG Jack Strukel, Past President comments:**

- It is nice to see all of the Chapter flags displayed with the Council MOAA flag.
- When the next National Board of Directors Committee member comes up for election, we need to give more support to the individual being nominated.

**Maj Frank Sisson:** Enjoys coming to the Council meetings and is glad to see them growing in numbers and interest. He is still involved with aviation.

**Meetings for 2005:** The Fourth Quarter meeting will be held on 5 November 2005, 1030 hours, sponsored by Kaw Valley Chapter, Topeka, details TBA

Meeting Adjourned at 1500 hours.

FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS PRESIDENT:

*John W. Halladay*

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 COL, AUS, Retired  
 Secretary

Encl: 1. Agenda.  
 2. Treasurer's Report.