



**KANSAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**



**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
4 March 2006, Lawrence, 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:	Robert V. Hadley, COL, AUS-RET
President Elect:	David Kennedy, CWO, USMC-RET
1 st Vice-President:	Richard Keller, LTG, USA-RET
2 nd Vice-President	Gary LaGrange, COL, USA-RET
Past President:	Harry B. Malnicof, MAJ, USMC-RET
Treasurer:	Francis R. Fanning, Col, USAF-RET
Secretary:	John W. Halladay, COL, AUS-RET
Legislative Liaison Chair:	Not present
Personal Affairs Chair:	Not appointed yet.
Newsletter/Website Chair:	David Kennedy, CWO, USMC-RET

CHAPTER DELEGATES PRESENT:

Flint Hills Chapter:	Larry Githerman, COL, USA-RET, President Gary LaGrange, COL, USA-RET
Jayhawk Chapter:	Ervin Hodges, Col, USMC-RET, President Michael Sullivan, RADM, USN-RET, 1 st VP
KAW Valley Chapter:	John Halladay, COL, AUS-RET, Army Editor
Sante Fe Chapter:	Rich Keller, LTG, USA-RET, President Steve Strukel, MAJ, USA-RET, 1 st VP
Smoky Hill Chapter.	No one present
Sunflower Chapter:	Charles (Bud) Munson, LCDR, USNR-RET, President David Kennedy, CWO, USMC-RET
Wichita Chapter:	Roy Haun, CW4, USA-RET, President Gary L. Duncan, Maj, USAF-RET, Past President

OTHER CHAPTER MEMBERS:

Jayhawk	James Cooper, CAPT, USN-RET
Jayhawk	James McMurray, Col, USAF-RET
Jayhawk/Santa Fe	James Henry, CAPT, USNR-RET

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

COL Hadley - Opened the meeting and introduced LtCol Ervin Hodges to lead the Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.

Introductions: All members present introduced themselves to the group.

Council Minutes - The Council Minutes for the 5 November 2005 meeting at the Kaw Valley Chapter, Topeka, KS was approved as written.

Finance Report - Col Fanning presented the Council Finance Report, it was recommended for approval by LTC Keller and seconded by Maj Malnicof and approved by the Council.

COL Hadley remarks -

a. There were over 1,000 checks written to chapters who participated in the Get-Ten program. As a result MOAA National is further expanding this program from March to 31 December 2006. Kits will be sent out to chapters in the near future.

b. National Board Members vacancies will need to be filled and applications/recommendations should be forwarded. Currently, we have two candidates, RADM Sullivan and CAPT Henry.

CWO Kennedy -

a. It is time to renew the Web Site provider - Maj Malnicof proposed we pay, LTC Keller seconded and Council members approved.

b. Currently working on up-dating the Web-Site to include Chapter information.

c. Working on links to Fort Leavenworth and Fort Riley.

Storming the Hill - COL Hadley will meet with our Congressmen on 27-30 March 2006 to discuss:

a. DoD Health care costs.

b. TRICARE fixes

c. Repeal of SBC/DIC offset.

d. Accelerated paid up SBP cost for those who have paid in over 30 years, it is now due to take effect on 1 October 2008.

Flint Hills Chapter - COL Githerman reports the January meeting included installation of the new Chapter Officers. The speaker was COL Thomas Smith, Garrison Commander at Fort Riley, presented a talk on Operation Identification Experience in Vietnam.

Currently 86 members, the chapter gained twelve new members, but lost ten due to passing of members and relocation of several. Continued use of their Past President's experience has benefitted the Chapter.

They strive for new members and publicize their dinner meetings, using the newsletter to members as well as non-members in the area. They continue to explore other means to attract and retain members.

The local Retirement Services Officer is precluded from providing a mailing list due to privacy restrictions. However, she is willing to devote a page in the next RSO Newsletter to MOAA. They requested a brochure from National to accompany the flyer. The K-State ROTC Awards continue.

The next meeting is in Manhattan in April.

Kaw Valley Chapter - There being no Chapter member present to report for the Chapter, other than COL Halladay, he did report they were working on recruiting for the "Give Me Ten" program, but did not meet the goal of ten or more the last report. The Chapter is working on funding four Scholarships for the JROTC in the Topeka area. We did not make it back for the February meeting, so no report on the meeting. COL Dowse was in Washington, D. C. during our Council meeting and did meet with Col Pauls.

Jayhawk Chapter - LtCol Ervin Hodges informed us that the Chapter has established the Comfort Scholarship Program. This Scholarship is named after long time member MajGen Clayton Comfort and is designed to provide a minimum of three scholarships each year. The awards will be given to a cadet or midshipman of the three ROTC programs at Kansas University. The recipients will be underclassmen and will be students who are not on scholarships. They will be selected by their respective Commanders and approved by the Chapter. The first awards will be given this spring.

The Chapter will emphasize programs that will capture the interest and enthusiasm of the members. In that regard General Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will speak to the Chapter in May. We

are also inviting 30 Midshipmen and Cadets to attend as our guests.

Members of the Chapter are also assisting in the development of a Habitat for Humanity subdivision of 16 building lots named after General Comfort. The fund raising effort is seeking \$250,000 to complete the project

The Chapter was given credit for six new members under the Get-Ten program. Continued efforts in recruiting new members is an on-going process. The March speaker will be the Director of the Harry S. Truman Library & Museum in Independence, MO, providing local insight of President Truman's love for Kansas City and personal anecdotes about the man himself.

The Chapter membership stands at 114 with 18 auxiliary.

Santa Fe Chapter - MAJ Steve Strukel sat in for General Keller and informed us of the Chapter activities. MOAA scholarship binders were provided to the Leavenworth/Lansing High Schools, containing information required to apply for MOAA educational money and the name and phone number of a Chapter contact to assist with applications.

Legislative up-dates are continually circulated to membership and requests for letters and phone calls to Chapter members asking them to contact their legislators on MOAA issues.

MOAA Vacations has been contacted to provide a presentation of their program in 2006. The Chapter received \$50 in 2005 for their members participation in the travel programs.

They successfully participated in the "Give Me Ten" program and did recruit twelve new members.

The Chapter was awarded "Volunteer of the Year" plaque by Leavenworth Main Street for assistance with their annual street festival. The award was presented at a dinner with press coverage.

Chapter dues were paid to the Kansas Council of Chapters.

The Chapter attended a luncheon where LTG (Ret) Robert Arter was sworn in as Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army. Kansas Council of Chapters was listed in the handout brochure.

Their Merit Chapter Award submission for 2005 is in draft and ready for staffing this month.

The bi-monthly Board of Directors luncheon continues.

The next membership dinner is 14 March with a MAJOR from the C&GSC speaking on his recent tour in Iraq.

At the 14 March dinner, they are asking members if they will volunteer on post and are they willing to share that information with the Chapter staff and MOAA National.

Chapter provided input to the Council Web Site manager and up-dated Chapter data..

Sunflower Chapter - LtCol Bud Munson reports that COL Hadley attended the January meeting and swore in the new Chapter Officers.

COL Mike Neer is heading up the recruiting effort and reports a gain of six new members for "Get Me Ten". Retention starts with the Chapter meetings and keeping members' interest.

The Ladies Auxiliary will meet to discuss ways to bring about new and better programs for the Chapter.

A picnic is planned for June

In August the Chapter will have an outing at the New Theater.

In September, a wine tasting dinner is planned.

A Chapter member is assigned to mentor incoming new members.

Wichita Chapter - CW4 Roy Haun reports - In case you have looked for them on the "net" and thought they were gone. They have changed the host service provider. The change brought about a slight change in the "net" address or URL..it was changed to wichitamooa.org.

Col Fanning, as PA Committee Chairman, is still writing articles for the newsletter. In addition, he has been kept busy providing income tax assistance at the legal office at McConnell AFB.

They're now established as regular contributors to the Quarterly and Annual recognition luncheons at McConnell AFB. They contribute a \$50 bond to the Company Grade Officer of the quarter, as well as the Company Grade Officer of the year. The McConnell CGO of the year has been deployed, so his bond will

be awarded upon his return.

At the last meeting their Chapter Secretary, MAJ Walt Nelson, put together a PPT presentation that run during the social hour. He displayed a collection of slides informing and reminding the membership of current and scheduled events. It's now getting enough recognition that members are coming forward with news items to get the attention of their targeted audience.

Maj Gary Duncan, past President and current PA board member was last spotted towing a float in the Wichita Veterans Parade. They had a good turnout to ride the float and also a good number of our members in attendance for a Veterans salute on Thursday, 10 November, hosted by approximately 2000 JROTC cadets at Wichita's Century II convention center.

They thought they had signed up a good number of new members (even though it was not "Ten"), the official report was there were only two of the new members who were not already National members.

Kansas Public Television (channel 8) has again requested their help in manning the telephones during an upcoming pledge drive, which Roy believes will be starting on 19 March. This an excellent means of getting the Wichita MOAA name before a wide segment of the Wichita population.

CAPT Jim Henry - Thanked all present at the meeting and always enjoys the interesting comments made at the meeting. Also noted, everyone needs to make it a point to sign the post cards sent out in the MOAA magazine addressed to our Congressmen, as these are important.

Maj Harry Malnicof - Just happy to be at the meeting and hear all of the positive comments.

Old Business - None to discuss.

COL Hadley -

- a. Attended the Sunflower Chapter in January and plans to visit each Chapter during the year.
- b. Chapters please advise the number of volunteer hours spent at the Military Installation.
- c. Does your Chapter have a TROW?

Meeting for second quarter 2006: The meeting will be held on 17 June 2006, 1100 hours, sponsored by the Wichita Chapter, Wichita, KS, 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