



KANSAS COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
26 August 2006, Overland Park, 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, not present.
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:	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:	Larry Githerman, COL, USA-RET, President
Jayhawk Chapter:	Ervin Hodges, LtCol, USMC-RET, President James Cooper, CAPT, USN-RET, Treasurer
KAW Valley Chapter:	Butch Dowse, COL, AUS-RET, President Jack Strukel, Jr., MG, AUS-RET, Past Council President Eliot Potter, LtCol, USAF-RET, Past President
Santa Fe Chapter:	Rich Keller, LTG, USA-RET, President
Smoky Hill Chapter:	No one present
Sunflower Chapter:	Harry Malnicof, Maj, USMC-RET, Past President Jim Burns, COL, USA-RET
Wichita Chapter:	Gary Duncan, Maj, USAF-RET, Past President Frank Sisson, Maj, USAF-RET, Past Council President

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

COL Hadley - Opened the meeting and asked CWO Dave Kennedy to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening prayer was presented by COL Hadley.

Introductions: All members present introduced themselves to the group.

CWO Kennedy introduced the speaker Pete Belk, from Johnson County Community College. Mr. Belk gave a real fine introduction to the College's campus activities and curriculum. One of the interesting classes they conduct is a six week Railroad Conductors training course..

Council Minutes - Approval of the Council Minutes for 17 June 2006 meeting at the Wichita Chapter, Wichita, KS was recommended and approved by the Council.

Finance Report - Col Fanning presented the Council Finance Report. Recommendation for approval of the financial report was approved by the Council.

COL Hadley - Of interest to all of us, a report in The Affiliate - 2005 Levels of Excellence Awards:

CATEGORY III (75-199)	FIVE-STAR CHAPTERS Jayhawk Chapter Santa Fe Trail Sunflower
CATEGORY II (200-499)	FOUR-STAR CHAPTERS Wichita

Earlier awards were given to the Sunflower Chapter for their Printed newsletter.

Comments: Very good showing - four out of six chapters receiving awards from MOAA National.

CWO Kennedy, Webmaster - Reports 57 hits on Council site and Sunflower received 88 hits.

There was some discussion on support of Active Duty forces; however, the conclusion was that we could not do a whole lot to support the troops, but could possibly help fill in some of the voids for family needs. COL Burns reported on the Soldiers Angels program and its purposes in assisting soldiers who are amputees. For further information on the organization, contact Debbie Frerich, 816-550-9095.

Flint Hills Chapter - COL Githerman reports:

- Their next chapter activity will be a dinner on 26 September in Manhattan and MG Carter Ham, CG 1st Inf Div will be the guest speaker.
- In preparation for their November meeting, the board will meet in mid-September to set the officer slate for next year. They will present the membership with the proposed board for 2007.
- The Chapter's current membership is 89. They have continued to make personal contacts over the summer to attract new members. They have approached retired personnel in the local area and incoming officers for membership as the 1st ID returns to Fort Riley. Several individuals have expressed an interest and hop to get them to attend the next dinner meeting and join.
- Some members attended the retirement of LTC Art DeGraot, PMS at KSU. Art is a member of the Chapter. They hope to add him to their board and utilize him as an active recruiter to attract members.
- In preparation to host an upcoming Council meeting they inquired about the use of Ft. Riley's Event Center again. They will coordinate this action with John Halladay. Tentative presentation will be an update of activities at Fort Riley and status of the return of the Big Red One to Fort Riley.

Kaw Valley Chapter - COL Dowse reports:

- **Membership** - The chapter remains steady in membership. Emphasis will be placed on the "Give Me 10" through the end of the year. They have received the list of prospective members as promised from MOAA National and will be used to the best advantage.
- **Guest speaker** - The two guest speakers for the August meeting were well received:
COL Hadley, President of our Council addressed the gathering and discussed MOAA goals and highlights of his trip to Washington, D.C., while "Storming the Hill". We appreciated his time and dedication to our organization. We also imposed on him to pin one of our new members.

SMSGt James Scheiel, Jr., of the 184th Air Refueling Wing, Kansas Air National Guard had a display of his collection of Civil War weapons, uniforms and other items of the period. He also gave an overview of what life was like for officers of the Civil War era. He portrays an Infantry Captain and has been involved as a re-enactor for about 10 years. Our executive committee approved a donation of \$100 to the 150th Anniversary Committee for their program to outfit the regiment of which Scheidel is a member.

- 15 October program is still open. COL Dowse will see COL (Ret) Jess Ramirez in Albuquerque next month at the NGAUS annual conference and will ask him to try to make the chapter's meeting.
- December will be the Sweet Adelines group, providing song and spirit for the Christmas season.
- **JROTC:** They have started the campaign for donations for the JROTC scholarships to the Topeka High Schools, representing each branch of service, Army Navy, Air Force and Marines.
- **COUNCIL MEETING:** The Kaw Valley Chapter extends an invitation to the Council to host the next meeting in Topeka, COL Dowse would personally like to see the event held at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard; however, the first and second Saturdays are already taken with other events. A local BBQ business could cater the meeting.

Jayhawk Chapter - LtCol Erv Hodges reports:

- Currently Gen Myers, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff will be the speaker for 27 September. There have been ten Cadets/Midshipmen invited to attend from each service of the KU ROTC students.
- The Chapter is working on scholarship money for the ROTC students and currently has about \$4,000.00 in the KU Endowment fund.
- The Chapter is also supporting the Habitat for Humanity project, named for a former member, MG Clay Comfort. One unit has been started and they must complete 17 units by June 2007 or lose \$150,000 grant money.
- The Chapter has attained six new members under the "Get Ten" program and are now working on a mail-out letter to prospective members.
- The Five Star award for 2005 reported by COL Hadley was good news.

Santa Fe Trail Chapter - LTG Rich Keller reports the following since the last meeting on 17 June.

- On 20 June, COL (P) Joe Ramirez, Combined Arms Center Training Directorate, gave a dinner presentation to sixty chapter attendees, covering the contributions of soldiers and their families to our country's war efforts. Very moving and well received.
- On 12 August, three chapter BOD (Board of Directors) members assisted Col (Ret) Pete Corozza from MOAA National at CGSC student Pair Day. Thirty nine officers signed up as National members. The chapter has written them a letter awarding free chapter members and inviting them to our 19 September dinner and all events throughout the year.
- On 24 August, a regular BOD luncheon and finalized plans for the remainder of 2006. Key events were:
 - Submission of ten candidates for "Give Me 10" by end of August 2006.
 - Support of Leavenworth River Fest with 10 block Captains on 16 September 2006.
 - General membership dinner with MOAA National presentation on 19 September 2006.
 - Support of Fort Leavenworth Retiree Day on 28 October 2006.
 - General membership dinner, election of officers and Harry Truman presentation on 21 November 2006

Sunflower Chapter - Maj Harry Malnicof reports:

- The Chapter took the summer off with no meetings for June, July and August. They did other activities for the membership, such as a picnic in June and an evening at the New Theater in August, along

with having Board meetings monthly.

- The meetings will start again in September with a wine tasting program presented by Lucas Liquors on 19 September.
- Up-coming events are the raffle drawing on 19 September, where winners will receive a \$500, \$300 or \$200 gift certificate to the store or mall of their choice. We will have our annual Christmas auction in December. The Chapter will also participate in another Stand-down for veterans in Kansas City, KS in November.
- They will participate with the Santa Fe Trail Chapter at Retiree Day on Fort Leavenworth on 28 October 2006.
- The chapter is also looking at the possibility of adopting a military family for the Christmas season.
- The membership officer will start seriously pursuing the "Give Me Ten" program in September.

Wichita Chapter - Maj Gary Duncan reports:

- The Wichita Chapter is a strong supporter of the JROTC programs in both Wichita and Derby Public Schools systems. COL Robert Hester, 1st VP, is the JROTC Coordinator for the Wichita Public schools. The Wichita Middle School Leadership is the largest in the nation, due to COL Hester's excellent leadership. The Chapter awards \$500.00 scholarships to nine graduating seniors from the two school systems. All nine have been awarded for the 2005-2006 school-year.
- A civilian entity had been the prime mover in organizing the Veterans Day parade in the past. Because of changes with that entity, they had to relinquish that job. The organizing responsibility passed to the JROTC of Wichita last year. Plans are moving forward for a bigger and better celebration this year. Senator Robert Dole is slated to be the Grand Marshal (health permitting). The parade will begin at 1100 hours, commemorating the signing of the Armistice that ended WWI at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918. KAKE TV is strongly supporting the celebration financially and by offering other incentives.
- Each year McConnell AFB holds a quarterly awards ceremony. Each Squadron selects an airman, sergeant, senior sergeant, company grade officer and two classes of civilians to receive awards. Out of these winners one of each category is selected as the Wing quarterly award recipient. The Wichita Chapter gives a fifty-dollar U.S. Savings Bond to the company grade officer of the quarter. Four of the Chapter's members attended the last ceremony on 26 July. The Wing recognizes MOAA as a supporter of the quarterly along with several other organizations.
- On 24 August COL Robert Hester, a charter member, presented a program on the JROTC Program in the Wichita School District. He made his presentation at the monthly meeting of the Retired Professional and Business Men's Club of Wichita. About 55 members heard his remarks.
- The 184th ANG unit has been tasked with a new mission as Imagery Intelligence facilitator.
- Acreage has been provided to facilitate a WWII museum at Wichita for archives and mock villages.
- The Wichita middle school leadership program consists of about 2,000 students.
- Their Chapter meetings have been programmed through March 2007.

Nominating Committee - Maj Malnicof presented the following nominees for the 2007 Council of Chapters officers, to be voted on in the November meeting and installed:

- **President** CWO3 David L. Kennedy, USMC (Ret)
- **President Elect:** LTG Richard F. Keller, USA (Ret)
- **First Vice President** COL Garry LaGrange, USA (Ret)
- **Second Vice President** CAPT James S. Cooper, USN (Ret)

Legislative Affairs - Col Hollis Logan reports legislative activities, see attachment.

COL Hadley - The following was provided in the Military Officers Magazine June 2006. Col Steve Strobridge, USAF-Ret, Director of Government Relations, testified before the Military Personnel

Sub-committee. Chairman John McHugh (NY) concluded the hearings with a compliment to Col Strobridge:

“MOAA has been such an important part of helping this Congress, this sub-committee, and committee deal with those issues that are so important to those who have served, to whom we owe so much, and those who continue to serve to this day,” he said. “So thank you for that as well.”

Past Presidents comments:

Maj Frank Sisson - Just a pleasure to be here in support of the Council. Also note, COL Neer is the latest appointed to the Veterans Affairs committee.

MG Jack Strukel - It seems the Council becomes more active each time.

Kansas Veterans Affairs - the last of the four state cemeteries at Fort Riley has become a reality with the land being deeded over by the cities annexation and should finish in about six months. The 80-acres should be finished in the next two years.

Col Hollis Logan - The dedication of the officers who take the time to attend and travel the distances is rewarding, and it seems to get better and younger.

CAPT Jim Henry sends his greetings, but his wife Kay broke a toe and he had to stay home to assist her in getting what she needs.

Old Business - None brought forward.

New Business - All should make sure the Agent Orange information is disseminated to your members..

Meeting for Third Quarter 2006: The meeting will be held on 4 November 2006, 1100 hours, sponsored by the Flint Hills Chapter, location TBA.

Meeting Adjourned at 1415 hours.

FOR THE COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS PRESIDENT:

John W. Halladay

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COL, AUS, Retired
Secretary

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