



The Kansas Council of Chapters

Serving the Military Community in Kansas
Minutes – Meeting of Saturday, 13 NOVEMBER 2010
Kansas National Guard Museum – Forbes Field, Topeka – Kaw Valley Chapter (host)

CY 2010 OFFICERS

President:
James S. Cooper
CAPT, USN - (Ret.)

President:-elect
Delbert L. Hill
CW5, USA - (Ret.)

1st Vice President:
Antonio T. Pimentel
COL, USAF- (Ret.)

2nd Vice President:
James T. Pittman
COL, USA - (Ret.)

Past President:
Gary LaGrange
COL, USA - (Ret.)

Treasurer:
James T. Pittman
COL, USA - (Ret.)

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

Secretary:
Charles T. Munson
LCDR, USNR – (Ret.)

Legislative Chairman:
Hollis B. Logan
COL, USAF – (Ret.)

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:
Stanley A. Sneegas
LtCOL, USAF - (Ret.)

COUNCIL OFFICERS:

President
President Elect
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Treasurer
Secretary
Legislative Chairman (absent)
Past President (Absent)

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Delbert L. Hill, CW5, USA-Ret
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Hollis B. Logan, COL, USAF-Ret
Gary LaGrange, COL, USA-Ret

CHAPTER DELEGATES PRESENT

Flint Hills
Jayhawk
Kaw Valley

Pat King, COL, USA-Ret
Jim Cooper, CAPT, USN-Ret
Ron Tincher, BrigGen-USA-Ret
Delbert Hill, CW5, USA-Ret
Neal Bralley, COL, USA-Ret
Jim Pittman, COL, USA-Ret
Bud Munson, LCDR, USNR-Ret
Ken Stout, CAPT, USN-Ret
Tony Pimentel, COL, USAF-Ret

Santa Fe Trail
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Sunflower
Wichita

SPECIAL GUEST

**CAPT Joshua Mantz, USA-AcDu
Aide de Camp, Deputy Commanding
General, 1st ID**

ATTENTION: THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON SATURDAY, 26 March 2011 – 1100 to 1500 Hours, at the Lawrence Country Club, 400 Country Club Terrace, Lawrence, KS 66049; telephone (785) 843-2866.

DIRECTIONS: Best accessed for out-of-towners via I-70 from either direction, to **West Lawrence Exit 202**. Go south on **McDonald Drive** from the exit, travel through one stop light (**the intersection of Princeton Ave/2nd St**) staying in the right lane and bear to the exit on the right (**Rockledge Road**) before passing through the underpass. Proceed up the exit ramp and approach a stoplight at the intersection of **Rockledge and 6th St**: just before that intersection, take the turn to the right, **Country Club Lane**. Proceed all the way to the end of the Lane to the Country Club parking lot. We will be meeting in a room directly inside the front door, to the right.

Refreshments/buffet lunch will be provided: money will be collected from all attendees at the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1015 hours by Kansas Council of Chapters President, **Jim Cooper**. **Ron Tincher**, President-elect of the Kaw Valley Chapter, welcomed attendees. **Jim Cooper** led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, a non-ecumenical prayer, followed by a self-introduction by each person present. **Ed Gearhart**, BG, USA-Ret, President of the Museum of the National Guard, briefed the group on the background and current status of the Museum, and welcomed all to a tour of the displays.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Fort Riley Resilience Effort Briefing – BG Petersen, Deputy Commanding General, 1st ID, Fort Riley, and Captain Mantz, Aide de Camp, Deputy Commanding General, 1st ID Fort Riley. (Brig General Petersen could not be present today due to an emergency). Captain Mantz (a graduate of West Point), gave an overview and update of activities at Fort Riley. He remarked that “for the first time in history” a National Guard person was brought in to be a Division Commander. Three National Guard Brigades were recently deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq, which also required deployment of millions of pieces of equipment. .

Captain Mantz talked about the “Real Warriors.net” campaign, including video profiles of “real soldiers” with “real stories” concerning emotional stress resulting from deployment and actual combat experiences. Capt Mantz had a near death experience when shrapnel passed through his forward observer mate and then hit Captain Mantz’s femoral artery. A 19-year old medic chose Captain Mantz, instead of his fatally wounded mate, for emergency care saving the Captains life. After a lengthy rehab period, including a stay in Walter Reed Hospital, Bethesda, Captain Mantz returned to his unit in Afghanistan where he had the opportunity to thank the Medic evac team that had rescued him.

Additional remarks concerning post traumatic stress-PTS – “morale” injuries do not go away. Victory is when a phone is picked up to send a call for help vs. picking up a gun to commit suicide. Captain Mantz spoke further about the “Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program”. He asked MOAA members to encourage their congress men and women to support this effort; “think PREVENTION before CARE”. We cannot cure PTS, we can manage it.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Following Captain Mantz’s presentation, President Cooper announced that lunch would be served at 11:35, and the Board would continue with discussions.

AGENDA ITEM 6 : Secretary’s Report

The Secretary reported that the minutes of the 21 August 2010 Kansas Council of Chapters meeting at the Lewis and Clark Center, Fort Leavenworth, were mailed on 30 October 2010 to members. The minutes were then approved unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Treasurer’s Report

James T. Pittman, Treasurer, provided report dated 13 November 2010:

BALANCE on Last Report (21 August 2010)

\$2000.62

RECEIPTS

None

DISBURSEMENTS

(Treasurers Report – continued)

Reimburse Jim Pittman for Web site expense \$111.24

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$ 111.24**

CURRENT BALANCE (13 Nov 2010) **\$1889.38**
(Deposited in Intrust Bank)

NOTES:

2010 Dues from Sunflower Chapter have not been received
2011 Chapter dues for all chapter will be due in January 2011

James T. Pittman
COL, US Army (Ret)
Treasurer

It was moved, and seconded, that the Treasurer's report be approved and spread across the records. Motion carried.

AGENDA ITEM 8: Nominating Committee – Jim Cooper

Jim Cooper announced that the immediate past Presidents of the MOAA Kansas Council, **Rich Keller**, **Gary LaGrange**, and **Bob Hadley**, acting as the Nominating Committee have selected and have recommended approval of the following slate of officers for CY2011:

President: **Delbert Hill**, Kaw Valley Chapter
President Elect: **Antonio Pimentel**, Wichita Chapter
First Vice President: **Jim Pittman**, Santa Fe Trail Chapter
Second Vice President: **Jim Kelly**, Sunflower Chapter
Treasurer: **Jim Pittman**, Santa Fe Trail Chapter

Jim Pittman moved and **Ken Stout** seconded that the recommended slate of officers for CY 2011 be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM 9: Membership Programs/Recruiting Update – Jim Cooper/ Chapter Presidents

Membership, both existing and recruitment of new members, continues to be a challenge. **Neal Bralley** reported that he had sent five invitations to National MOAA members to attend a Santa Fe Trails (Leavenworth) Chapter meeting. **Ken Stout** reported that the Wichita Chapter had picked up between ten and twelve members, but total membership remained about the same due to loss of several members, due to deaths and other factors.

AGENDA ITEM 10: Chapter Reports

Verbal Chapter reports given by following Chapter Presidents, or other representatives, as follows. Printed reports follow in these minutes: Kaw Valley Chapter – **Delbert Hill**; Santa Fe Trail Chapter – **Neal Bralley**; Wichita Chapter – **Kenneth D. Stout** (who moved to Dallas, and returns to Wichita once each month to attend Chapter meeting); Flint Hills Chapter – **Pat King**; Jayhawk Chapter – **Jim Cooper**; Sunflower Chapter – **Bud Munson** (for Justin Rumps).

AGENDA ITEM 11: Old Business

Discussed were the laborious process of filing with the IRS the Tax ID paperwork to insure retention of the Kansas Council's non-profit status. There was a question as to existence and whereabouts of the MOAA National Charter for the Kansas Council.

Jim Cooper reported that he had this document digitally stored in his computer.

AGENDA ITEM 12: MOAA National Seminar – Outlook

Seminar will be held in Washington, D.C., Monday and Tuesday, 15 and 16 November, 2011. **Delbert Hill**, incoming Kansas Council President for CY2011, will attend and represent the Kansas Council of Chapters. Others planning to attend are **John Halladay** – Jayhawk Chapter, and **LeRoy Meyer** – Wichita Chapter.

AGENDA ITEM 13: New Business

Some States have a convention of all State Chapters – Kansas Council does not. It would probably require an eighteen-month planning period. In lieu of this, perhaps the Board should emphasize the benefits for Chapter Presidents to attend the four Kansas Council meetings. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 14: Past President's Remarks

The only Past President in attendance, **Hollis B. Logan**, Kaw Valley Chapter, reported that the U.S. Congress "lame duck" session will probably consider 1) Continuing budget resolution to keep the government functioning; 2) stop-gap 23% pay reduction in Medicare payments to physicians; 3) extension of the Bush tax cuts due to expire 12/31/2010; 4) consideration of recommendations of the so-called Deficit Commission; and 5) Military Appropriations.

AGENDA ITEM 15: Election and Swearing in of Officers – comments by outgoing and incoming Presidents

Outgoing President **Jim Cooper** thanked the Council Board members for their support. "We have had a pretty good year, and have kept aware of the issues that affect active and retired military personnel. The Board should continue to encourage that our Chapters meet National MOAA expectations and challenges. Note: for a complete copy of Jim Cooper's remarks please contact Jim.

President **Jim Cooper** then directed the Secretary to request the CY2011 slate of officers to come forward for administration of the MOAA-National Oath of Office. The following were sworn in: President: **Delbert L. Hill**; President-Elect; **Antonio T. Pimentel**; First Vice President: **James T. Pittman**; Second Vice President: **Jim Kelly**, (unavailable due to travel to Florida); **Treasurer**: James T. Pittman.

At conclusion of swearing in ceremony Jim Cooper became Past President.

Delbert L. Hill, new President, said that he wants to continue to stress membership, both retention of existing and addition of new. We must adhere to MOAA national requirements and this might best be affected through more intense communications between the Council of Chapters Board and Chapter officers. We must stress the need for Chapters to file, in a timely manner, the necessary paper work to qualify for MOAA's Chapter of Excellence Award. Also, each Chapter must provide support for the Give Me Ten effort, and the Gold Bar Program, again with the Council Board providing guidance and assistance when needed. Other goals for CY2011 are investigating establishing an MOAA chapter Point of Contact for Pittsburgh, KS State University (PSU). This might best be coordinated by the Sunflower Chapter, the closest geographically to PSU. Also, the Council Board should make a decision on "Storming the Hillock" at the Kansas State government, and complete evaluation of practicality of reviving the Smoky Hill Chapter.

President Hill stated that he would request current Appointive officers continue during CY2011:

Secretary – **Charles T. (Bud) Munson**

Legislative Chairman – **Hollis B. Logan**

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor – **Stanley A. Sneegas**

AGENDA ITEM 16: Selection of Next Meeting:

Date: 26 March 2011; 1100 to 1500 Hours; Host: Jayhawk Chapter; Location: Lawrence, KS (facility will be determined by Host).

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES AND BEST PRACTICES

Flint Hills Chapter

The Flint Hills Chapter members met for dinner on 29 September 2010 at the Manhattan Country Club. The program was presented by Regional Liaison Officer Traci Scott who advises the Commanding General, 1st Infantry Division regarding all areas of outreach to the Kansas Congressional Delegation, State Legislators, and municipal leaders in the Central Flint Hills Region.

Roy Watson, 2nd Vice President obtained attractive lapel pins from national MOAA. The pins are unique to each branch of service and will be available for purchase at Chapter meetings.

Our last meeting of the year will be Wednesday, 01 December 2010 at the Clarion Hotel in Manhattan. Our guest speaker will be the Flint Hills Chapter's 1st Vice

President, Art DeGroat. Art took a delegation of senior leaders from Kansas State University, including the President of KSU, to visit the 1st Infantry Division HQ in Basra, Iraq. He will share with us what K-State is doing to serve the soldiers, units, and families of the Big Red One.

We regret that COL Dick Jepsen passed away on 26 August 2010. He was a longtime chapter member and friend. Dick made many contributions to the regional community, and to military organizations.

Respectfully,
Patricia King
President, Flint Hills Chapter

Jayhawk Chapter

Our September meeting was “Army Night”, and we hosted cadre and spouses and cadet Color Guard from the KU Army ROTC unit. Our guest speaker was Colonel Vic Braden, Kansas National Guard, Jayhawk Chapter member. He gave an account of his experiences during a recent tour of duty in Afghanistan. His was a somber assessment of our Nation’s civil and military prospects in that challenging and geographically fragmented country. COL (P) Braden’s (announced on October 18, 2010 as nominated for Brigadier General) presentation drew a large crowd – 76 attendees – a number we had not seen in attendance since Retired Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff – Dick Myers-spoke to us.

Our speaker on 16 November will be Ms. Kathleen Brady, the Vice President of Development for the National World War I Museum at Liberty Memorial in Kansas City, MO. She is a Jayhawk, and is looking forward to visiting the Jayhawk Chapter. The November meeting will also be Navy Night, and we will have Navy cadre and spouses, and a midshipmen Color Guard as our guests.

My wife and I recently returned from an elective that the US Army Command and General Staff College offered through the Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. The seminar took place at the Death Camp in Poland. It was a sobering experience and, as one of our guides to Birkenau (Auschwitz II) told us, “Once people visit here their lives are changed forever.”

Respectfully,
Charles Heller, COL-USA, Ret
President

Kaw Valley Chapter

1. CW5 Delbert Hill, KVC Membership Chairman and incoming MOAA Kansas Council of Chapters will represent KVC at the annual MOAA meeting and accept the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award next week.
2. Dates for the KVC 2011 General Meeting and Social Events were set at the KVC Executive Committee meeting recently, and venues discussed. After soliciting input from the members the Executive Committee determined to change the venue of the October General meeting and social to include a picnic type event that will be held at the Kansas National Guard

Museum. The program will include a tour of the newly expanded museum.

3. The KVC General Meeting and social on 17 Oct 2010 featured Major General Mike Ryan, and a presentation on Wills, Estates, and Trusts. The information given generated discussion during the question and answer session.
4. CW5 Delbert Hill is working with MOAA National to ensure proper credit was given for the new officers commissioned, and participating in the Gold Bar Program.
5. President Elect BG Ron Tinchler will give the welcome to the Council at the time of the Kansas Council of Chapters Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve E. Rexer

KVC President

Santa Fe Trail Chapter

1. Current Give Me Ten status for Santa Fe Trails chapter is 43 free members.
2. Chapter has been in contact with five local area referrals that MOAA headquarters referred to our chapter for renewals. We have sent a letter to each and invited them to our next meeting
3. The next general membership meeting is on Tuesday, 16 November, at the Blue Crab Restaurant, Leavenworth, from 1800-2100. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Minard, Director of Veterans Affairs, Consolidated Outpatient Mail Order Pharmacy, located in Leavenworth.
4. Chaplain (Major) Brad Lewis and Major Scott Hamilton, resident CGSC ILE Class, spoke to our members at our 21 September 2010 Chapter meeting. They spoke about their recent deployments in both Iraq and Afghanistan.
5. Our chapter Board of Directors met on 21 October and discussed upcoming general membership meetings, financial statement, and Give Me Ten status.
6. Our Chapter hosted the MOAA Kansas Council of Chapters meeting in August 2010, in the new Lewis and Clark Center, Fort Leavenworth. At the meeting Major Michael Davis, CGSC ILE student, gave a briefing on the history and current mission of Fort Leavenworth. Also, Neal Bralley and Bill Knight provided a tour of the building's auditoriums, Hall of Fame, and several classrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Neal H. Bralley

COL, US Army (Ret)

President

Santa Fe Trails Chapter, MOAA

Sunflower Chapter

NOTE: Combined report for activities both before and immediately after the Kansas Council of Chapters meeting on 13 November 2010.

Planning for the December 7th Silent Auction is nearing completion. Incoming (CY2011) Chapter President Mark Naster is working on obtaining volunteers for the unfilled Board positions. Mark indicated that he would be willing to be the point of contact for the Chapter Newsletter. Jim Kelly agreed to be the web site master since Fred Booker must vacate due to increasing job responsibilities. Bud Munson indicated that his son, Chuck Munson, could help Jim with developing the web site further.

Our Chapter dinner programs for CY 2011 will be:

18 Jan– a “Community Service Day” in lieu of a regular dinner meeting
15 Feb– Dinner, with guest speaker on Federal/State taxes, estate taxes
15 March- Dinner, with guest speaker from Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff
19 April – Dinner, with guest speaker on gardening, landscaping
17 May – no dinner, attend a T-Bones baseball game
Summer activities - ad hoc such as Wizards soccer, family events, etc.

Board Meetings will be on the first Saturday of each Month. Pat Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer will select an appropriate certificate to be given to Dinner meeting speakers. Harry Malnicof asked for volunteers to help his Lions Club with the avenue of American Flags display on Veterans Day – 11 November 2010 - along Metcalf Avenue. Harry also asked for volunteer for Salvation Army bell ringers-Saturday, 04 December, 2010 at two locations. Our Chapter people have done this previously with outstanding results in terms of money collected. Bud Munson mentioned that the Sunflower Chapter had failed to enter the annual competition for the MOAA National Chapter of Excellence awards. Bud suggested that it will be useful for Mark Naster and Pat Murphy to attend the next Kansas Council meeting in Spring, 2011, to be held in Lawrence. Both Bud and Jim Kelly, who is the new 2nd Vice President of the Council, will communicate with Mark and Pat the exact dates, location, and arrange to car pool if desirable.

(The following provided by Pat Murphy, Secretary/Treasurer – Sunflower Chapter)

The Dec 7th Christmas Silent auction was a great success. From the money collected that night, a check for \$405.75 was given to George Anton to provide sundry items to the troops in Afghanistan. A check for \$155.25 was also given to Sara Lee to help out a wounded vet's family and kids, so they could celebrate a joyous Christmas.

Also completed this month, 10 cases of school books were collected and given to COL Gary LaGrange for his Help Us Learn..Give Us Hope project. So on behalf of the troops in Afghanistan, the wounded vet and COL LaGrange, well done Sunflower Chapter and thanks.

As of today I've received responses from 50 members for their 2011

chapter dues. Still have 45 members who have not responded to the Nov notification. I've attached a file copy of the Nov letter in case you misplaced yours. I encourage you to respond as soon as possible.

The chapter will not hold a dinner/meeting during January. Instead we will support a community activity as part of our monthly meeting. More to follow after the Jan 8th board meeting.

Bud Munson , LCDR-USNR-(Ret)
Sunflower Chapter member and Past President (two terms)

Wichita Chapter

(No report forwarded from Wichita Chapter)

LeRoy Meyer, Kenneth Stout - I do not have a copy of the Wichita Chapter report that would have been submitted at the 13 November 2010 meeting of the MOAA Kansas Council of Chapters, at the Museum of the National Guard, Forbes Field, Topeka.

Can either of you e-mail me a copy of the report?

thanks,

Bud Munson, Secretary
MOAA Kansas Council of Chapters