

## LEARWATER CHAPTER

### MOAA BOARD MEETING MINUTES - 15 September 2021

#### **Location: Perkins Restaurant Clearwater, FL – 1000 HRS**

**Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance** - The meeting was called to order at 10am at the Clearwater Country Club by President Jeff Doll. Those present stood, faced the Flag and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Attendance** – Jane Belson, Jeff Doll, Dave Apt, Pat Hughes, Bob Behm, Sandy Behm, Gary Williams

**Previous Month Secretary Minutes** – August minutes were prepared by Sandy Behm. There was a motion made by Bob Behm to approve the August minutes as written and seconded by Dave Apt. It was approved by the board.

**Treasurer's Report** – Jane Belson reported the Treasurers report, there was \$13,423.59 in the **Charitable Account** and \$13,023.42 in the **Checking Account** for a **Total** of \$26,447.01. A dues check came in for \$35.00. A motion was made by Pat Hughes and seconded by Bob Behm to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and was approved by the Board.

**Membership Report** – Rob Risberg reported that there were a Total Voting Members of 105, gain of 2, Regular Members = 60, 57% of total, gain of 1, Surviving Spouse Members = 13, 12% of total, no change, Spouse Members = 32, 31% of total, gain of 1. We gained Peter and Paula Palmer. Both were added to the MOAA National database (he is listed there as a Premium (Annual) member, to the FCoC database, and the email list. Rob sent an updated roster.

**Programs Report** – NSTR

**Drumbeat Report** – Jim Souders needs input for drumbeat.

**Web Report** – Rob Risberg reported that all seems to be working well and nothing significant to report.

**Spouse/Surviving Spouse Report** – Bob Behm stated that he missed the training zoom meeting, but he has an 8-hour annual Leadership training meeting next week with MOAA. Jeff told Gary Williams about the annual Leadership summit that our chapter pays for the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to attend, it is usually a couple of days typically runs in January and is normally held in Orlando. It is put on by the Florida Council of Chapters and we get a lot of people from MOAA National that come in. It basically goes through everything in terms of running a chapter.

**Members in Distress Report** – Bob Behm sent a letter and a sympathy card to Mrs. Horne.

**ROTC Scholarship – No Report**

**Legislative Liaison** – Dave reported that we got a message from the FL Council of Chapters to see if we could find out about two bills, one of those bills being a continued update to the toxic exposure reform bill as well as the Tri - Care coverage for young adult dependents. Dave got a hold of Congressman Bilirakis's office and has a meeting this Friday and he will update them and then he will follow up with the FL Council of Chapters on both these two topics.

## **Old Business**

**(Form 990-N or 990-PF Accountant)** Bob spoke with Charlotte the financial advisor, she confirmed that the form 8868 does not have anything to do with what we want to do, it is a form where you can go from public to private but does not have anything for private to public. So, she suggested to write a letter with everything that we have done and list it all, which Bob did to the IRS and send a copy of 501-c-3 form which Bob did. Bob also sent it registered and he got a receipt back that they received it. So now it is just a waiting game. Bob also received a letter from them that they approved an extension of time to file our taxes we now have to November 15, 2021 to file our taxes.

**Community Grant Application with K9P4P-** Dave Apt said that they received the money and the expenditures are made on the outside benches, they will have logos on it representing both K9 Partners and Clearwater MOAA. K9 Partners has a board inside the facility, which is a board that honors donors and MOAA Clearwater is on it. Jeff explained to Gary about the grant for K9 Partners.

**Fund Raising Discussion** (Grants- In preparation for the golf tournament for next year Jeff wanted to write down a list of activities to track who is doing what when it comes to fund raising, for example Jeff knows that we can get \$300.00 from USAA so Jeff will volunteer to submit the grant application to USAA for a \$300.00 grant to support the Junior ROTC golf tournament for next year. Bob will do the Elks Lodges again and he will talk to Steve about grants for Publix and Walmart that you can apply for. Bob was going to share with Steve a couple of different organizations that are running Veteran's golf tournaments and the list of who is sponsoring these tournaments.

**Pearl Harbor Planning-** Jane and Pat will pick the menu, we usually go to \$30.00, steak and fish. Jane said that we may have a limit of 45 to 50 people; We will have the whole room. We will need to send a flyer to St. Pete and MOWW and ask them to distribute them to their people and collect their money, they need to have someone from their clubs to check people off at the door. We need to have a couple of baskets, limit \$20.00. Steve handles the Clearwater Drill Team, Bob said he will handle it if Steve doesn't. Steve has the candles; the Chapter presidents light the candles. Bob will say the prayers and Steve will do the toast to the flag. **Gary will play taps.** We will have a POW table; Pat has all the items for it and Steve and Dave Mason will do the ceremony. We will check into a few places to order a cake; Gary is going to see if Sweet Carolina's will donate one to us. We will get the vanilla ice cream from the club.

**October Luncheon-** Jane had a copy of the limited menu of hot meals and they will have salads also. There was a motion made by Bob to have the October luncheon and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jane, all approved. There will be an October luncheon.

**Speaker System-** The Clearwater Country Club will check out their speakers, if we have problems then we need to speak to Maria to correct them.

**Any Other old Business?**

## **New Business**

**Five Star Award/Legislative Nomination-** We were awarded the Five Star LOE Award for last year, Jeff thanked Bob for all work he did in setting us up to get to where we needed to go. Jeff did nominate Dave Apt for the Legislative Steve Strobridge award, but they only give out one Nationally and it already went to someone. MOAA National has invited every Chapter Present to attend in Virginia but Jeff is not going.

**Taps Across America** – Photos- Gary did the Taps across America on 9/11. Gary and Jeff went to East Lake fire and rescue stations 56 and 57. They will send the pictures to Jim.

**Any other New Business?**

Our first Vice President chair is vacant upon the death of Bill Horne, we had to focus on our succession, in our by-laws it is up to our board to decide if we want to fill that vacancy. Dave Apt made a motion that we select Gary Williams as First Vice President, Bob Behm seconded that motion. All approved.

Jane will be doing the November minutes because Bob and I will not be able to attend the meeting since that date of the meeting was changed and I have a conflict..

**Can I have Motion to Adjourn?** There was a motion to adjourn by Bob Behm and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Apt., all approved, meeting was adjourned at 11:18am

**Upcoming Speakers:**

September – Cancelled

October – Deanna Bennett

November – Congressman Bilirakis

December – Gary Williams

January – Linda Moore