

**Military Officers Association of America**  
**Bella Vista Chapter, Bella Vista AR**  
**Golden Corral, Rogers Arkansas**  
**27 June 2023 1800-1930**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Come to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence for prayer and blessings

Attending: Nelson Seal, John Justice, Alan Nabb, Rita Nabb, Dan Shaffer, Pat Shaffer,

Goals:

1. Approve chapter officers
2. New chapter name
3. Permanent meeting place ... Rogers American Legion for July meeting .
4. Increase membership by 10 members by Jan 2024
5. 2 community contact events by Jan 2024
6. Funding for Scholarships
7. Gain complete funding and support for flag program

**Programs:**

**Legislation:** Craig Barkley...absent. ++ Discussion per Andy, encouraged to visit MOAA legislative page and register to send contact memo's to local legislators on various MOAA supported issues (NDAA, ect).

**Treasurer's Report**

On May 31, 2023, scholarship award letters were sent to Mr. Ansen B. Miner and Mr. Joseph G. Cavallo notifying them of the award of \$500.00 scholarships for their attendance at Kansas State University and Ohio University, respectively, during the 2023-24 academic year. Mr. Cavallo has returned the indorsed acceptance and proof of enrollment at Ohio University.

Mr. Miner had 10 days to return the indorsed acceptance and provide proof of enrollment. Not having received a response from Mr. Miner, I called the number listed on the scholarship application and left a voice message. I received a call back from his Mother who indicated that the address listed on the scholarship application and to which the letter was sent, is not an address they check regularly for mail. Mr. Miner's Mother indicated that they would look for the letter and respond appropriately. As of June 25th, I have not received a response. Planning on sending the checks to Kansas State University and Ohio University in late July since the schools begin their Fall Semesters before Labor Day.

The current balance is:

Money Market account:	\$3,236.22
Non-interest Checking account:	\$ <u>631.36</u>
Total Chapter Balance:	\$3,867.58

The bank statements will be available for member examination upon request.

### **Flag Program Report**

Obtained 3,300 US Flag pins at a total cost of \$529.87. There was a carryover of 700 US Flag pins from last year.

Getting a cost estimate for 4,000 copies of the How Long May It Wave brochure from a printer in Springdale that has provided the brochures at cost in the past. Contacted the Arkansas Department of Corrections, who previously printed the brochures for the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs, for a price quote for 4,000 brochures. I have not received a response. The Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs has indicated they will no longer supply the brochures.

Submitted a grant application in the amount of \$500.00 to JB Hunt to partially defray the cost of the US Flag Program. They only do awards in December. Planning on submitting a grant application to Walmart for the same amount.

In late August, I will start sending out emails to each school requesting dates to present our US Flag Program for fifth graders during the 2023-24 school year. Plan to expand to Benton County private schools for the 2023-24 school year. ++++Anyone wanting to attend or assist please contact Alan for scheduling. Andy will ask SDIA and American Legion for volunteers.

**Chapter Banner:** Two designs for the Chapter Banner to approve the one we want for our Chapter. We need to finalize the Chapter Name before we have the banner printed. Cost for a 2 X 6 or 3 X 5 banner which is \$99.00 for either.

**Chapter Tri-folded Brochure.** Discussion to hold until chapter name change.

Tri-folded brochure for approval/recommended changes that can be handed out to perspective members at various events. Again, we need to finalize the Chapter Name before we have the brochures printed.

**Membership Update and Dues:** Jon Boswell...absent. ++ Discussion per Andy, there were no new members in last month. Jon is working with Sam Samson from CoC to get potential membership list opened up for the "real time" report for recruiting in our catchment area. Postcard mail out was well received. We may need to continue this in the future. Also consider a phone call blitz before our September meeting.

**Communications:** Dan Schaffer: He is gradually making changes to FB pages, with assistance from his daughter. He is waiting for new chapter name to make adjustments. He is making contact with local news and media venues (Bella Vista, Bentonville, Rogers, Pea Ridge, Eureka) to post chapter info and dates.

**Community Outreach Grant:** Notification of \$1500 grant. Will need to get liability insurance and sign MOU before distribution to our checking account. Still plan to partner with SDIA for fund distributions.

**Recruiting Grant:** still pending (Flags, banners, table drapes, ect). ..still pending notification from MOAA national.

**Fund Raising:**

We need chairperson for fundraising activities to include donation procurement. Andy will inquire about partnership with SDIA. Alan has some ideas for grants from local vendors like Walmart, ect. He as grant request pending.

MOAA travel agency; If you book travel with them and indicate your chapter, they donate a portion of funds back to the chapter.

Pancake or breakfast fundraiser, Dinner Fundraiser.

Raffle of Gun or other item.

Fun Shoot or golf tournament. +++D Shaffer recommended a Pickle ball tourney... Andy will explore options.

**COC report:** Reschedule of meeting to May was rescheduled for 14 July. Minutes have not been posted yet.

**Board Member Update:**

+++ Andy provided discussion of closing chapter and joining with NWA. J Justice gave insight and discussion on the chapters history and urged NOT to close chapter. Those attending voted to continue with Bella Vista Chapter (and name change) in spite of low attendance for activities.

+++Discussion for filling board positions. John Justice and Alan Nabb recommended using a proxy vote system. Mail out to each member to get quorum. Will need nominations for positions at next meeting.

	<i>CURRENT/ NOMINEE</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
Chapter President (elected)	Andy Seal	Secretary, Treasury
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President (elected)	NONE	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President (elected)	NONE	NEED NOMINEES
Secretary (elected)	NONE	NEED NOMINEES.
Treasurer (elected)		Alan Nabb agrees to take over
Programs Chair (appointed)	Dan Schaffer	NEED NOMINEE

Membership Chair (appointed)	Jon Boswell	Jon Boswell
ROTC Programs (appointed)  NJROTC	None  Mike Davis	Need Liaison. Chair would interact with college and high school ROTC programs in the area. Did not attend Nov dinner.
Pastoral Chair (appointed)	None	Goal is to expand this program to include outreach to members. Would require attending board meetings as needed. ..not present, no action
Legislative Chair (appointed)	Craig Barkley	Will attend southern region conference in Dallas this next week.
Scholarship Chair (appointed)	NONE	
Flags/Schools Chair (appointed)	Alan Nabb	Continues with strong program. Program expenses reimbursement.