



**CENTRAL VIRGINIA CHAPTER  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION  
OF AMERICA**



**Minutes: Board of Directors Meeting**

**7 February 2024**

**Board Members Present in Person:** John Warnecke, David Hilty, Brion Smith, Tad Oelstrom, Paul LaBrie, Lucy Johnson, Carolyn Still, and Bill Tunner.

**Note:** Ruth McWilliams recorded the minutes for the first part of this meeting.

**Zoom:** Ruth McWilliams

**Absent:** Dan Moy

**Quorum Determined:** Meeting called to order by President John Warnecke at 13:00.

**Approval of Minutes:** Approval of the minutes of the 6 February 2024 meeting. Made by Tad. Second by John Warnecke.

**Treasurer's Report:** Paul LaBrie stated that he will file a hard copy of the tax return. The chapter is in strong financial shape.

**CVC/VCOC:** Ruth McWilliams reported that John Warnecke attended the January VCOC meeting in her absence. She also said that there are three vacancies for the VCOC.

**Programs:** Tad Oelstrom stated that the speaker for February will be Patrick Campbell. In March, Meryle Langley, who piloted a commercial aircraft during a hijacking, will speak about this experience. In April, Dan Brown, a professor at the University of Virginia, will speak about Artificial Intelligence, and in May, the Commander of Army ROTC, a female helicopter pilot, will speak.

**Legislative:** Dan Moy did not attend the meeting and did not submit a report.

**Membership:** Carolyn Still distributed her membership report, which was also submitted to CVC MOAA BOD members via email.

**Surviving Spouses:** Lucy Johnson stated that she will call her members to remind them of the February luncheon.

**R.O.T.C. /JROTC:** Bill Tunner reported that he is preparing for the awards ceremonies for the JROTC and ROTC programs which the Chapter supports. He asked whether CW officers were eligible for membership in MOAA. Warrant officers and officers are eligible to join. Carolyn Still announced that she will offer \$1,000 to JROTC members in Orange and Albemarle County for the purchase of their uniforms in memory of her late husband, Major Leo Still, USMC.

**The Bugle:** Brion Smith reported that *Gratitude Charlottesville* will provide an updated calendar in the March edition of *The Bugle*.

**Personal Affairs:** No report.

**Old Business:** John W. reported that the Chapter will honor Bert and Elizabeth Page for their long and dedicated service. They will receive a framed photograph of themselves with a plaque at the February meeting. There has been an ongoing discussion about offering chapter membership to members of the Southside Chapter, which was located near Petersburg. This issue was raised again at this meeting. In conclusion, Tad suggested that we drop this question.

**New Business:** David Hilty stated that the *Harris Award*, which recognizes communication with membership via *The Bugle*, email, and our website, has been submitted. He urged board members to submit a summary of their contributions to him for the *Level of Excellence Award*, which recognizes their volunteer efforts for issues related to military personnel in legislative advocacy, recruiting, and retention, and to community engagement and outreach.

**Motion:** To adjourn the meeting. Made by Tad. Seconded by Lucy.

**Vote:** Unanimous approval.

**Resolved:** The motion to adjourn the meeting is approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:05.

#### **SCHEDULED COMMITMENTS/UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Next CVC MOAA Board Meeting 6 March 2024 via in-person or zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lucy Johnson**

Secretary, Central Virginia Chapter – MOAA (Attachments as noted)