

HIGH COUNTRY CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board of Directors Meeting 4 Feb 2025

- I. The Board of Directors meeting of the High Country Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America was conducted on 14 Jan 2025 at Bocca Bistro restaurant, Boone, NC. The call to order by 1st Vice President Fred Schmitt occurred at 1630.
 - A. Directors attending:
 1. Mary (Frankie) Groff (President)(Surviving Spouse)
 2. Frederick (Fred) Schmitt CAPT, USCG (Ret)(1st Vice President)(Chair Nominating Committee)
 3. Adam Greene LTC, USA Professor of Military Science & Chair Military Affairs Committee App State University (Legislative Affairs - aka Advocacy Chair)
 4. George Brudzinski LtCol, USMC (Ret)(Treasurer)
 5. David Hollis LTC, USA (Ret)
 6. Robert (Bob) Love LT USN (Fmr)
 7. Douglas (Doug) May PhD, Capt., USMC (Fmr)(Immediate Past President)
 8. Melanie Trado MAJ USAR
 9. Patsy Alley (Surviving Spouse)
 - B. Members not present:
 1. James (Jim) Fisher CAPT USN (Ret)(Chaplain)(Personal Affairs)(Newsletter)
 - C. Quorum: (8req) - Yes (8)
 1. Per Chapter by law, we should have 14 Directors - currently, we have 10.
- II. The agenda (Fred), Secretary's Report (Lance) & Treasurer's Report (George) were sent electronically to the Board prior to the meeting.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was honored.
- IV. No invocation was offered.
- V. The Secretary's Report for the 14 Jan 2024 BOD meeting report had been reviewed by board members and accepted unanimously by the Board.
 - A. Adam offered to record the meeting and use AI to generate a report. We decided to see how that works for future reports.
 - B. Until we find a secretary it has been suggested to rotate the job among the board members.

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- VI. A detailed Treasurer's Report was submitted by George electronically to the Board. Income/Expenses were clearly itemized stating a checking account balance of \$22,115.25 as of 31 Jan 2024. The Budget for FY 2024/2025 shows what has been actual costs to date.
- VII. Standing Business
- A. Reviewed details & logistics for upcoming events
1. General Membership Meeting - 13 Feb 2025; 1730 Social; 1800 Dinner buffet - Bocca Bistro restaurant.
 - a) Flags will divide the restaurant for privacy.
 - b) 50:50 Raffle + door prizes.
 - (1) RSVPs are currently at 33.
 - c) Cost: \$26/person + cash bar. (Chapter covering cost of gratuity: \$7.80)
 - d) The guest speaker will be the Fire Chief, Jimmy Issacs.
 - e) BOD officers will offer a brief (~2minute) summary of their position.
 - f) A special table will be set up to honor fallen soldiers.
 - g) A sign up sheet will be available for volunteers for the Pancake Breakfast.
 - h) We hope to have a Certificate of Appreciation for Bocca Bistro for their incredible support for Hurricane Helene victims.
 2. Pancake Breakfast
 - a) The 'Community Breakfast' is scheduled for 29 March 2025 - Boone United Methodist Church from 7:30 – 10:00.
 - b) We will be working on breakfast more after the GMM.
 - c) George said we are in good shape with funds.
 - d) Traffic control will be handled by the JROTC of Watauga High.
 - e) Discussion was had about how to handle the "community" as was envisioned after Hurricane Helene. It was decided that we would not advertise as broadly as we normally would. We will invite those volunteers from the ROTC, JROTC, and Girl Scouts. People who sold tickets will try to get in touch with their folks. Walk-in's will be welcomed for a donation.
 - f) Melanie says we will probably need another griddle or two.
- B. Legislative initiatives in NC & National MOAA
1. Adam offered that there were no significant updates in NC.
- C. WHS MCJROTC
1. Bob confirmed the speakers for the Feb speaker dates: 6, 13, 20, 27 Feb 2025.
 - a) Joe Lea - USAF
 - b) Melanie - USA
 - c) Doug - USMC

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- d) Eric - USN
- D. Appalachian State ROTC
 - 1. Adam Updated us on coming events with the ROTC.
 - 2. Mountain Man training will be held on 12 Apr 2025.
 - 3. 8 May 2025 will be the commissioning of cadets.
 - 4. The Scabbard and Blade group continues to do monthly volunteering.
- E. Mt. Lawn Cemetery events
 - 1. The final design of the Veterans Memorial site has not been completed to date.
 - 2. Our BOD will discuss plans for donation as details emerge.
- F. Discussion of BOD administrative duties:
 - 1. Fred had gathered input from current officers regarding their formal duties as well as informal responsibilities being accomplished.
 - 2. Fred has put together a list of committees that we want to put before the general membership to ask for their help with the board on important issues/events without having to require a large amount of time commitment
 - 3. A discussion was held about the size of the board per the by-laws which currently requires 14 members. We are now down to 10 with the departure of Lance and Ann Marie.
 - 4. After discussion Adam volunteered to write a resolution to shrink the board to ten members with the ability to expand in the future.

VIII. Adjourn

IX. The meeting was adjourned at 1740 by unanimous decision.

Respectfully submitted,

Frankie Pennington Groff (President)

Next meeting will be on 4 March 2025