

# Minutes Membership Meeting / Saturday October 23, 2021



**Location:** Hoover Tactical Firearms / ZOOM option (Z)

**Time:** 1000-1200

**BOD Present:** Don Brooks, Ed Leach, Gary Lott, and John O'Malley Greg Garcia, Don Lehman & Laquonna Hall-Z. **Absent:** Matt Joiner

**Quorum:** Present.

**Welcome:** Greg Garcia opened meeting at 1000, and welcomed members and guests.

**New Member:** Danny Cooper.

**Secretary Report:** No report / Greg Garcia

**September Minutes:** A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by members present to accept minutes as written. / Greg Garcia

**Treasurer Report:** \$9,112.00 / KMAA in good financial shape. / JOM

**Chaplain's Report:** No Chaplain's report provided / Greg Garcia

**Development Officer Report:** Expecting Brocks Gap Training Center to hold a KMAA fundraiser December 8, 2021. Match: Prac/Tac Invitational Multi-Gun Buddy Match - KMAA Charity Fundraiser, Location: BGTC - Range K, Time: 10:00a - 2:00p (approximately), KMAA will establish a presence with its tent and handouts. Details to follow. JOM again, expressed concern that few members truly participate in KMAA fundraising, left to a small number to raise fund. Ms. Q recognized for her fundraising efforts with Wells Fargo, no KMAA fundraising until 2022 / JOM.

**Vetting Officer Report:** Small group of KMAA people turned out for Home Depot to build raised vegetable garden for Navy Veteran. Beverly O'Neal to receive vehicle from Progress Insurance in Mobile on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Ginger Branson and JOM to attend. / JOM.

**Speaker:** Danny Cooper spoke about American Village and its value to the community, touched on Veteran registration. Program well received.

**Motion:** A motion was presented to make a donation to American Village in Col. Carl Cooper's name, the amount to be decided by the BOD contingent on available funds, was seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved by members present.

**HTF Veteran Memorial:** The flagpole foundation is complete, awaiting the flagpole that was shipped October 21, 2021 from east Setauket, N.Y. Actual Veteran Memorial Dedication program nearing completion, working to secure a firing squad. Expect dedication to be Friday, November 12, 2021 @ 1210. Details to follow. Ginger Branson & JOM coordinating project / JOM

**KMAA Tent:** Gary Lott coordinating redoing the canopy top due to graphic inconsistencies. The back ordered back panel and two side panels arrived this week, graphics need to be added. / Gary Lott -JOM

**Recruiting:** In July 2021, Ty Barron was assigned to help formulate a young Marine recruiting strategy, the BOD needs to provide direction. / Greg Garcia

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**Veterans Day Parade:** VDP Thursday, November 11, 2021, Don Brooks appointed to oversee KMAA's participation in the Veterans Day Parade. JOM to send details sent out to membership and to help secure the services of a USMC color guard, each member to be paid \$50 for their participation. JOM to send out a request for volunteers to help prepare the VDP float at John Redd's place of business, 1441 Forestdale Blvd Ste. 105 Birmingham, AL 35214, details to follow. / Don Brooks - JOM

**Marine Corps Birthday:** In July, LaQuonna Hall was appointed to head the 2021 MC birthday celebration to be held 1730 to 1900 on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at HTF, JOM to ask General Krulak to attend. Details to follow. / Greg Garcia

**Marine Beverly O'Neil:** on November 9, 2021, Ginger Branson and JOM to travel to Mobile, AL with Beverly O'Neil to receive a vehicle donated by Progressive Insurance.

**Motion:** A motion was presented to pay Leslie Morris, Skydragon Designs \$500 for her design and graphic work related to the SALT project and other services, was seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved by members present. / Greg Garcia

**Motion:** A motion was presented to appoint Ross O'Malley Captain of the KMAA golf team for the 2021 Alabama Veterans golf fundraiser, and charged with forming the four member team, to include Al Wood, was seconded, discussed, and unanimously approved by members present. / Greg Garcia

**Toys for Tots:** Don Brooks is lead on the Toys for Tots initiative. JOM to send out Toys for Tots email to solicit members to make an effort to collect toys for children. Don Brooks to provide T4T collection boxes. Also, need volunteers to work the Toys for Tots distribution center. / LaQuonna Hall and Don Brooks

**Social Events:** JOM suggesting appointing a Social Event Officer to coordinate and oversee camaraderie events to bring members and their family together. Several ideas were voiced: Football Game Day at HTF, American Village outing, shooting matches at HTF, and KMAA family outings. / Greg Garcia

**KMAA Face Masks:** Custom facemasks, black w/ god EGA, included replaceable five layer filter, were for sale, \$20 each. / JOM

**Ed Leach Retirement:** Membership invited to Ed Leach's retirement party to be held Sunday, November 14, 2021 at the Cahaba Brewing Company, Birmingham. Ed Leach to provide Ms. Q details to send out to membership. / Ed Leach

**Scholarship Drawing:** Raised \$60.00. / Don Brooks

**Meeting adjourned:** 1200.

**Attendance:** 21 persons / 14 in person - 7 ZOOM

**Secretary /** LaQuonna Hall