

Annual GOMA 2017, location Officers Club, Quantico

Meeting started at 1751

On hand were 59 total which 13 were members and 1 called in on conference call

Unfinished business- getting up and running! CWO Twigg spoke about the way ahead and how to get there and what GOMAs vision is.

No voting occurred at the meeting since there was not enough time to get nominees for new officers. Maj Hubert was nominated by CWO Twigg for Chair

Capt Knight ask about the Ways & Means committees, CWO Twigg explained how we have helped Marines in the past with funeral expenses or flowers for a loved one. Also it was brought up that we need to add in guidelines that this is for members only or for Ordnance over all. Also fundraising has to be started to recop monies to help out Marines

Went over what each committed does and who are the committee reps. We had a few Marines sign up for, Historian, MGySgt Sweeney, Communication, Capt Oldroyd, Ways & Means, CWO Lovell and Capt Mayorga. Still need folks for Scholarship, Membership and Fundraising committees.

Membership is standing at 148 members, while working on the website so that we can get the word out and get folks to renew. If someone needs to renew they can get ahold of CWO Twigg or MGySgt Sweeney to sign also. If you sign up 8 years consecutive, you will be a Lifetime member. Spouse can also be members and hold an office. Discussed Honorary members and that we have a few in our association. Honor grad from the school houses also get their first year first.

Treasurer, we have 16,088.52 in the bank. It was explained what fees GOMA pays out every year for services. All monies come from dues, again the fundraising needs to become number one.

Regional coordinators, started to explain what we need and need volunteers, LtCol Spooner suggested that we took care of that at the meeting, we have for

Albany-GySgt Shipp/Sgt Pickelsimer, West Coast- CWO Duravage/CWO Arellano, Ft Lee-Capt Oldroyd/MSgt Robinson, DC – CWO Siera/ Ross, East Coast- Capt Knight/MGySgt Dues, III MEF-MGySgt Sego/Collins, Hawaii- WO Gomez, MCRD PI- empty, Quantico – CWO Lopez

Capt Oldroyd asked what are we doing for our members, to show appreciation and what can help with recruitment. The idea of a GOMA coin, bumper sticker, etc.. to show who we are. Capt Price suggested a newsletter for all, not just members and share our vision that way. LtCol Luzbetak explained we as members need to take ownership and invest our time also if we want this to continue. Also figure out a target audience, which could be seasoned Sgt/SSgts to help with younger Marines. Once the website gets up and running, be able to link it to our FB page and Together We Serve sites. Our FB admin needs to give the regional coordinators admin right so that they can advertise for each area. And in the newsletter announce Marines that have reenlisted, retired and honor grads.

Closing LtCol Burgess talked about commutation with each other and we can build GOMA, it is not going to happen overnight. LtCol Spooner is still excited about GOMA and paid for 4 new members for their

first year, because of their drive and work ethics and what those Marines are going to bring to the table. Those Marines we Capt Knight, WO Walsh, SSgt Bouguin and GySgt Shipps. MGySgt Chavez will also donate funds if a coin is agreed on. 12 new members by the end of the meeting and CWO Twigg will invest in a square so that we can have the funds go directly into our account

Meeting adjourn at 1842