



## GROUND ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

### GOMA Meeting Minutes (11 December 2019)

Meeting opened at 1900 (EST)

Other members present: None

#### **Officers Present:**

Chair	Charles Bushnell
Vice	Mike Lewis
Secretary	Jerod Murphy
Treasurer	Not Available
Prior Chair	Dave Tift
Membership Chair	Joe Bering

### OPENING

-Welcome to everyone who called in from the Chairman. Board members discussed the current “stall-out” of new memberships. Lots of ideas floated as potential motivating factors, of not: creating a competitive environment between MCC’s in order to appeal to the “alpha” in all of us. For example if 1st MLG has the most new members join in a quarter, they would be highlighted in the newsletter. Continued discussion needed as to what level the competitions will reside...IE BN, Regiment, Div/MLG, or MEF. Creation of a newsletter is ongoing with primary action officer being MGySgt Ret Mike Lewis. Eventually the board would forward the final newsletter to the senior leadership on the active side for concurrence and then to the Occ Field Sponsor for distribution to the all hands distro list. The Chairman has arranged an ordnance social on the 19th of December in Oceanside CA. He will use this event as a target of opportunity to discuss the future of GOMA with some of the local ordnance folks that attend. Also of note was an idea to have the 5 LtCol’s write a small blurb in each newsletter IOT have buy-in and provide them with a voice via the GOMA.

### PAST MINUTES

-Previous meeting minutes were accepted into the record.

### TREASURER BUSINESS

- Currently approximately \$13,095.09 in account.
- Scott is the action officer on potentially revamping the GOMA paypal account in order to take full control of it. He is also researching to determine if the account type is appropriate for a non-profit entity.
- Chairman briefed the taxes will be ready in plenty of time to make the April 15 2020 deadline.

### MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

- Still no new-joins with the exception of honor graduates (29) at the schoolhouses.
- Total membership number: 37
- Plank holders: 32 (10 signed in/ 22 inactive)
- Lifetime: 67 (25 signed in/ 42 inactive)
- Annual members: 267
- Active (paid/current status) 6
- Honorary Active (current status) 55
- In-active (not paid/expired) 206
- Inactive/retired accounts: 4

### OTHER BUSINESS

- Secretary briefed that MGySgt Baughman had sent out an email on 26 November calling for additional nominations for GOMA Awards, as current numbers were lacking. The original deadline of 30 November was being pushed to the right in order to allow for additional packages. Based on what the new timeline looks like, our



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planning for the awards dinner will adjust. Secretary is the action officer on maintaining cognizance of the current active duty plans as they relate to location and dates for GOMA Awards.

-West Coast is planning a golf tournament that will raise money for GOMA. Mike Lewis has lead. Continues to drum up sponsors, etc.

-Recommendations on improving the GOMA website and Facebook Page. Including member's stories is something that has traction. Writing up some personal reflections from some of our membership that speaks to our history and accomplishments. Another recommendation was a newsletter from the GOMA with multiple authors. Still in development. Mike Lewis is nearing completion of a potential newsletter format.

-Mike Lewis tabled an idea for coins to be made for those Marines reaching the pinnacle of our community (MGySgt, CWO5, and LtCol). The idea would be that when a Marine is promoted to those grades, they would receive a personalized coin from the Chairman of the GOMA.

-The next monthly meeting will be on the 8th of January at 1900 EST. Dial in information will follow in separate correspondence.

**-Reminder to membership** – all members are invited and encouraged to dial in to the monthly meetings. The board's expectation is that we, as a community, should **want** to be engaged in our association and have our concerns heard. Please set aside some time to participate in order to make the GOMA the best it can be.

Meeting closed at 2015 (EST)

