



## GROUND ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

### GOMA Meeting Minutes (12 February 2020)

Meeting opened at 1900 (EST)

Other members present: LtCol Hubert, Shannon Sweeney,  
Mike Flannagan, Rick Byno

#### **Officers Present:**

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

### OPENING

Chairman opened the meeting and greeted all who dialed in stating we have a lot to discuss tonight and would like for everyone to try to stay on track as best as possible. Chairman discussed the successes we are seeing in the continued interest of social gatherings across the country and gave Kudo's to the Vice Chairman and Lifetime Member Jim Towney who have set up another Social event in Oceanside. Also special thanks to Plank Holder Dennis Adams for letting us know about an event at Camp Lejeune where CWO Hernandez is setting up a Shooting event (Both events listed below) Our Membership Chairman will be attending and we are hoping to add a little bit of sponsorship to this event where he has a chance to speak and we also have the opportunity to provide an award to the top shooter. There are still ongoing discussions between Greg Frich and Brian Spooner for another event in Albany GA. All is still silent from the Virginia, 29 Palms or Okinawa areas in getting anything set up. We are here to help if anyone out there needs assistance or has questions.

### PAST MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes were accepted into the record.

### TREASURER BUSINESS

#### JANUARY TREASURY REPORT (1-31 January 2020)

- **Beginning Total GOMA Monetary Assets: \$13,131.02**
- Beginning Balance Checking: \$13,020.21
- Expenses: \$0.00
- Income: \$225.56
  - Dividend \$.56
  - Deposit \$225.00 New Member Ret Major Neil Anderson
- Ending Balance Checking: \$13,245.77
- Savings Balance: \$5.21
- PayPal Balance: \$163.26
  - Carry Over from December: \$105.60
  - 1/9/20 Mark Oldroyd \$30.00 Fee \$1.17 Net \$28.83
  - 1/30/20 Carlos Figueoa \$30.00 Fee \$1.17 Net \$28.83
- **Total GOMA Monetary Assets: \$13,414.24**

PayPal is now linked to the Navy Fed Account and a recent transfer was accomplished with no associated fees charged. We will still have to continue fees for payments until which time the 501-3c is completed.

Scott Burns has agreed to stay on the incorporation by name and allow us to use his address for filing purposes which will save us \$225.00 per year.

### MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

Total membership number: 380



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Plank holders: 32 (10 signed in/ 22 inactive)  
Lifetime: 66 (24 signed in/ 42 inactive)  
Annual members: 278  
-Active (paid/current status) 15  
-Honorary Active (current status) 60  
-In-active (not paid/expired) 203  
Inactive/retired accounts: 4

New paid annual members:  
1stSgt Timothy Austin (2111)(Ret)  
MSgt Steven Marshall (2161)

New Honor grads (annual):  
Harvin Angui - 2111  
Reed Lyons - 2111  
Ernesto Martinez - 2111  
Nicholas Plante - 2147

### OTHER BUSINESS

1. In our effort to figure out what can be provided to members who join something besides just a membership card, multiple options were provided. It was decided to immediately begin the distribution of the Ordnance lapel pins until they are exhausted one to each new paying member and also purchase a min quantity of 100 ceramic coins to also be given to each new paying member. The decision to purchase these items was based on member input from both coasts and will hopefully provide a little of the desire to know something else can be received along with advertising needs by getting the logo out there. Acting Treasurer has lead on making this purchase. It is anticipated to be completed before next meeting.
2. Purchase GOMA metal coins and additional GOMA lapel pins to be sold for retail. This will enable those members who already had joined to be able to purchase these as desired. The Chairman asked this be tabled for a future meeting as it will require more discussion and cost and we still are not sure what our costs for taxes are going to be yet for past 10 years of filings. No one disagreed. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
3. Social Media Accts: Contact was made with Lifetime MGySgt Shannon Sweeney (Ret) to possibly assist in setting up Instagram and linking it to our Facebook account. She provided an update and is currently working to this end along with possibly connecting two Facebook accts that are out there for the Ground Ordnance Maintenance Association. It was also offered by her and Mike Flanagan to capture information placed on the GOMA websites and post it to other known ordnance sites they are members of for wider distribution.
4. The option of sitting up a VENMO over PayPal was presented to the Webmaster who is fully versed in both areas. After some discussion, the Chairman proposed that we do not pursue this course of action to open a new acct as PayPal gateway right now offers the ability to pay by credit card, which would imply users could pay with a VENMO or cash app card (one of them has been confirmed to have a debit card capability). Paypal owns VENMO and per the VENMO website, VENMO is integrated into PayPal online checkout process so in essence, payments should be able to pay by VENMO without the organization maintaining a VENMO acct. Changing over would also change the rules for the membership accounting rules and would require some extensive rewrites.
5. Newsletter Discussion took place and it was decided to move forward with this initiative. 1<sup>st</sup> planned distribution month will be May. The Vice Chairman has lead on this project. All input will need to be sent to him at either [vicechairman@usmcgoma.org](mailto:vicechairman@usmcgoma.org) or [lewisms460@gmail.com](mailto:lewisms460@gmail.com) He can also be contacted by phone at (760) 505-3865. All are encouraged to send anything to him that you might find useful for all Ordnance Marines to include non-political tasteful comics, job postings, MOS inputs etc. The sky is the limit!



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6. Rick Byno stated he is in need for a script that he can use when talking to Ordnance Marines that tells them what the GOMA does for them and the community. It was agreed that this is something that has been needed for a while and is not the first request for something like this. The Secretary, CWO Jerod Murphy has taken lead to put something together and distribute for viewing within a week prior to finalization. If anyone has input for this topic, please email it to him at either [secretary@usmcgoma.org](mailto:secretary@usmcgoma.org) or [murf1003@gmail.com](mailto:murf1003@gmail.com) He can also be reached at (760) 637-7206

7. MISSION AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS – This information will once again be sent out to all membership asking for input on the monthly Chairman email. If no input is received, the Chairman recommended that we table this for now. No one disagreed.

8. TAXES AND 5013-C This has been an ongoing roller coaster ride for the past year which could likely be resolved if we just wanted to spend a whole bunch of money with an Accounting Firm. Although the Chairman has volunteered to take lead, he has also put out calls for help which has not been completely unanswered, but it always comes back to recommendations to hire an Accounting Firm to assist. We have also been told we really need to get the taxes done first. Before we go down the road of spending a whole lot of money, one more effort is going to be attempted first to gather all documents and visit a Federal IRS in Texas. According to all that has been read, we should be able to get assistance. More to come. Also all Taxes have to be up to date before the 5013-c filing can be accomplished. Mike Lewis has also offered to reach out to someone he knows from a tax standpoint to possibly get their input.

### NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be on the **11th of March at 1900 EST**. Dial in number is 848-220-3300 access code 306434 information will also be posted as an event on Facebook.

**Reminder to membership** – all members are invited and encouraged to dial in to the monthly meetings. This seems to be getting more traction and as a community, we want to make sure that all Ordnance Marines voices are heard. Please mark your calendars and join in to make the GOMA the best it can be

Meeting closed at 2021 (EST)

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. West Coast Social event in Oceanside CA on February 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 PM at Senior Grubby's. POC Mike Lewis 760-505-3865
2. Lejeune shooting event at Flatwood Outfitters on February 26<sup>th</sup> at 0900. POC CWO Hernandez 847-571-2854