



## GROUND ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE ASSOCIATION

### GOMA Meeting Minutes (8 January 2020)

Meeting opened at 1904 (EST)

Other members present: Mike Flannagan

#### **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 and thank you for dialing in. Unfortunately the conference call number was not working properly for all members so a new one was created for this meeting. Our apology if other members attempted to call unsuccessfully as was the case for Mike Flannagan. Thankfully he called the Chairman and was able to get the new number. Chairman discussed the success of the West Coast social in December which Mike Lewis and Jim Toney are already working toward setting up another one that will possibly be at a Gun Range. As the Albany social was also a success in November, it is also being planned to have another one there with discussions between Greg Frich and Brian Spooner. In recent discussions with Major Oldroyd, he is also going to look at setting up one at Camp Lejeune. Lastly, we have many members and Ordnance Marine in the Virginia area. It is with great hopes that someone there and in Okinawa with start this as well. Not only will these venues allow Ordnance Brothers past and present to click a glass and share stories, it can also be a place where members can talk about the GOMA. If anyone out there needs assistance or has question, feel free to contact the chairman at anytime. It is important that we get back to the roots of networking and camaraderie.

### PAST MINUTES

Previous meeting minutes were accepted into the record.

### TREASURER BUSINESS

The Association is looking for a volunteer to serve as the Treasurer. In the interim, the Chairman has access and will dual serve this role which while safe, is not optimum. If interested, please contact the Chairman at [chairman@usmcgoma.org](mailto:chairman@usmcgoma.org) or 229-733-2581

### MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

Total membership number: 376

Plank holders: 32

Lifetime: 65

Annual members: 272

-Active (paid/current status) 11

-Honorary Active (current status) 56

-In-active (not paid/expired) 204

Inactive/retired accounts: 4

### OTHER BUSINESS

- There has been an ongoing effort to figure out what can be provided to members who join something besides just a membership card. While overall cost needs to be a considering factor, we all agreed that collectively we will look at options, consolidate and discuss/vote on them at the next board meeting. It is with hopes that this will push towards a fulfillment even if just a little of the desire to know what's in for me and advertising needs by getting the logo out there.

- Mike Flannagan brought up and we discussed different aspects of advertising such as Social Media as we have not kept up with the times. While we have Facebook, it does not reach a full audience. We discussed setting up



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Instagram and possibly Twitter accounts where everyone can provide input and all three would be tied together.

Chairman will contact MGySgt Sweeney (ret) to see if he can get her assistance on this new venture.

-Mike also brought up the options of VENMO over PayPal as this seems to be more accepted these days. This was also mentioned by attendees at the West Coast Social. Chairman will look into this and see if this is something that can be adopted.

-West Coast is still planning a golf tournament that will raise money for GOMA. Mike Lewis has lead.

-Newsletter was again discussed and it was decided to move forward with a quarterly production with input from all board Officers and the Ordnance Community. Template is being finalized and we will also be asking all of the LtCol's for their input so they can put something into it from their prospective geographical locations..

-The next monthly meeting will be on the 12th of February at 1900 EST. Dial in number is 848-220-3300 access code 306434 information will also be posted as an event on Facebook..

MISSION AND PURPOSE STATEMENTS – as both of these were formed and have not modified since the inception of the Association, the board discussed conducting a review.

**-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 Maines voices are heard. Please mark your calendars and join in to make the GOMA the best it can be  
Meeting closed at 2014 (EST)

