

# NORTH DFW MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date: May 12, 2021**

1. The meeting was called to order by President Si Simonson at 1805 hours via a zoom conference call. A quorum of the Board was present.

**2. Attendance:**

Present:

Si Simonson, President

Doug Allbach, Secretary

Dave Nelson, Treasurer

Ginger Simonson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Bob Little, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Paul Vicalvi, Personnel Affairs/Surviving Spouse Liaison

Doug Brown, Past President

David Kerbow, Newsletter

Absent:

Rich Crossley, Scholarship

Gary Howe, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Guest:

Dick Cook

**3. Approval of Minutes:**

The minutes of the March 10, 2021 Board meeting were unanimously approved with recommended changes.

**4. Reports of Officers:**

**President (Si Simonson)**

The annual MOAA Chapter excellence award was submitted.

Si and Ginger plan on advocating on several veterans' issues with local congressmen.

Flower Mound will celebrate Veterans Day on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM. Retired LTC Allen West will be the guest speaker.

Dave Nelson and Paul Vicalvi have volunteered to review the Chapter by laws.

Recommended changes will be forwarded to the Board for review.

Scholarship applications from local high schools have been submitted through Rich Crossley. Si Simonson and Bob Little will review them. Awardees and their parents will be invited to be recognized at the September Chapter dinner meeting.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Bob Little)**

The Chapter will have an in person dinner meeting on June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lewisville. To offset increased prices, dinner selections will be made from the luncheon menu. A cash bar will be provided. The Board agreed on a price of \$35 per plate. Patriot Paws will present the entertainment program. A color guard is TBD.

The December 8<sup>th</sup> seasonal dinner will again be held at BISTECCA Restaurant in Highland Village.

Rich Crossley has agreed to schedule members of the FW JROTC to present an appreciation of this summer's Staff Ride at the September dinner meeting.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Gary Howe)**

No report.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President Legislative and Community Activities (Ginger Simonson)**

Six veteran and active duty military bills are currently under consideration in the Texas legislature.

An important topic is VA coverage of military personnel exposed to toxic chemicals.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is Military Spouse Appreciation Day to be celebrated locally in Denton.

**Treasurer's Report (Dave Nelson)**

The Chapter's finances total \$18,383.85. \$5,9056.00 is in the Chapter scholarship fund. There has been very little financial activity in the past year.

**Secretary's Report (Doug Allbach)**

An email was received from Nelson Ringmacher's son Paul acknowledging the memorial scholarship. Dave Nelson stated that the funds had been transferred.

**Reports of Committees:**

**Scholarship/ROTC/JROTC (Rich Crossley)**

No report.

**Newsletter Editor (David Kerbow)**

The newsletter will clarify that the point of contact for dinner reservations is Treasurer Dave Nelson.

**Public Relations (Vacant)**

No report.

**Personal Affairs/Surviving Spouse Liaison (Paul Vicalvi)**

Paul stated that he will attend a conference on trauma and moral injury.

**Historian (Vacant)**

No report.

**Past President (Doug Brown)**

No report.

**Nominations Committee**

No report.

**5. Old Business:**

None.

**6. New Business:**

None.

7. The meeting was adjourned at 2010 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas M. Allbach  
Secretary