

WIREGRASS CHAPTER AT FORT RUCKER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING
13 APRIL 2026

The meeting was held at 1200 on 13 April 2026 at the Divots Restaurant at Silver Wings Golf Course, Fort Rucker, AL and chaired by Randy Godfrey. The attendees were Randy Godfrey, Tom Day, Loel Ewart, Carolyn Wooley, Othan Gilbert, Ray Collins, Frank Estes, Ron Kaita, Faye Swinehart, Susanne Bailey and Dennis Newton.

Dennis Newton opened the meeting with a prayer.
Randy Godfrey led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Old Business

- Minutes of the 9 March 2026 board meeting were approved.

New Business

- The Treasurer's 13 April 2026 finance report was approved. Loel stated that the board needs to find his replacement in the coming months and he will train his replacement. The yearly financial audit will be done in June by Carolyn Wooley.
- Frank stated that next newsletter input is due 20 May.
- Othan Gilbert reported that he also wanted to transition out of his position.
- Randy Godfrey reported that the next graduation is on 21 April. Jeff Turner is back doing the recruiting the Sundays before graduations.
- Ray Collins reported on Legislative Affairs and the Retiree Council.
- Ron Kaita stated that he is planning on going to Troy University in Troy for the awarding of MOAA medals to ROTC graduates.
- Tom Day said that the speakers for the April MOAA dinner are Edwin Cox and Forrest Ryals from Magnolia Wealth Management in Dothan.
- Susanna asked for reservations for the dinner from board members. She stated she had around 30 members scheduled to attend.
- Dennis said the web site is current and working well.
- Randy announced that the May graduations are the 5th, 12th and 27th at the Museum.
- Randy stated that this year is an election year. We will have nominations in June and August and elections in October and swearing-in of the new officers at the December meeting.
- Randy mentioned that the nominations for the Eagle Rising Award in July are coming up.
- Randy reported that the chapter had been awarded MOAA National 5 Star awards for 2025 in 3 categories: chapter, newsletter, and website. Only one other chapter in Alabama (Huntsville) received similar awards. He congratulated and thanked all the board members that made this possible.

The board adjourned at 1245.
Next Board meeting is 11 May 2026.

Carolyn Wooley, Secretary