

ARTICLE II. MISSION AND PURPOSES.

Section 1. The mission of this Association is to support Georgians who serve to protect our freedom.

Section 2. The purposed of this Association shall be:

- (a) To assist new Chapters in the State of Georgia to obtain a Charter from The Military Officers Association of America, Inc.
- (b) To assist the Chapters in the State of Georgia in their efforts to aid the retired, active and former members of the uniformed services and their National Guard or Reserve components.
- (c) To protect and present the rights and interests of the members of this Association and their dependents and survivors.
- (d) To support The Military Officers Association of America, Inc. (MOAA), in its mission to preserve the earned benefits of all members of the uniformed services and to maintain a strong defense.

Section 2. The President or a designated representative shall:

- (a) Visit each Chapter of the State at least once during the term of office. The President is authorized reimbursement for expenses relating to travel, lodging, meals, tolls, registration fees, gifts, and other related expenses as provided for in the approved budget. Reimbursements for duly designated representatives shall be deemed Presidential expenditures. All other operational and administrative expenditures shall be within the approved budget. All expenditures shall be vouchered and reported to the Executive Committee.
- (b) Represent this Association in matters of affiliation and cooperation with other Affiliate Chapters and Councils of Chapters of The Military Officers Association of America. Any expenses incurred in accordance with this section shall be included as set forth in the maximum expenditures authorized for the President.

Section 3. The Executive Committee, at its mid-year meeting just prior to a scheduled Convention of MOAA, will determine whether the President or a designated representative will represent the Association at the Convention. If determination is made for representation at the Convention, the representative will be reimbursed upon proper documentation, mileage at the rate authorized by IRS, or the cost of one round-trip (coach class) airfare, cost of lodging, meals, and all registration fees. These expenses will be vouchered and reported to the Executive Committee. This reimbursement is in addition to the expenditures authorized in Sect. 2(a) above.

Section 4. The First and Second Vice Presidents shall act as Assistants to the President and shall perform such duties as may be assigned by the President. During the absence of the President at any meeting or function, the First Vice President shall preside.

Section 5. The Judge Advocate shall serve as the Parliamentarian at all State meetings of TGMOAA.

Section 6 The Secretary shall:

a. Keep all records of the Association and shall record the minutes of each meeting; issue timely notices of meetings called by the President.

b. Maintain a factual information record of the affairs of the Association and shall keep the roster of Past Presidents and Officers Emeritus of the Association up to date and publish it at the State Annual Convention.

C. Send to the Historian such records of a historical nature for inclusion in the perpetual History of the Georgia Military Officers Association of America, Inc.

Section 7 The Treasurer shall:

a. Receive all money paid in for dues or received from other sources, and shall deposit all monies received in the name of the Association in such bank designated by the President. All disbursements shall be made by check and only for such amounts as are approved by the President. The Treasurer shall keep and maintain the necessary books of account approved by the Audit Committee and shall establish the method by which the Chapters will pay dues to the Association. The Treasurer shall maintain the Association's financial records in such condition as to permit examination when required.

b. Forward the fee fixed by law for the annual registration to the Secretary of State, Corporations Commissioner, State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia, together with certified statement for Annual Registration of a Corporation not later than the first of April each year.

Section 8. The Vice President for Legislative Affairs shall be responsible for both state and national legislative affairs that have an impact on association members and shall keep the President informed of action needed and will seek the President's council in determining and implementing the legislative agenda. The Vice President for Legislative Affairs is authorized to:

(a) Take action necessary to support legislation in the best interest of the association members.

(b) Work with other organizations (such as MOAA and the Georgia Federal/Military Retiree Coalition) in order to accomplish legislative results.

(c) Solicit assistance from individuals in or out of TGMOAA to assist in implementing TGMOAA's legislative program. This includes assisting Chapter Presidents and Chapter Legislative Affairs Officers to get their members voices heard and recorded.

Section 9. The Vice President for New Chapter and Membership Development will be responsible for developing plans and maintaining efforts for the formation of new chapters and their affiliation with MOAA and assisting TGMOAA Chapters to increase their membership. The Vice President shall:

(a) Keep the President informed of all plans and efforts in effect and will seek the President's council in establishing and implementing a program of work.

(b) Present a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) cash award, funded by the ongoing state convention, to the chapter attaining the greatest percentage increase in membership for the past year.

Section 10. The Vice President for Veterans' Services is responsible for keeping aware of state and national services available to members, and upon request, assist Chapter Veterans' Affairs Officers and

other members to insure that members and their survivors have the information necessary to receive the services that have been earned by those who served.

Section 11. The Vice President for Public Affairs is responsible for developing, maintaining and implementing a program of work that will seek out and publicize positive and supportive information about the uniformed services and assist Chapter Public Affairs Officers as requested.

Section 12. The Historian shall review all pertinent data deemed to be of interest to others at a later time. The Historian shall sort, assemble and at the Historian's discretion, file the documents in the perpetual History of the Georgia Military Officers Association of America, Inc. for future review.