MEETING: Board of Trustees, Georgia Military College, Sibley-Cone Library, Monday, January 26, 2015, 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Randall A. New, Chairman of the Board; Members, Doris Renfroe, George Hogan, Sr., Alberto C. Martinez, Jr., Rev. Tony Fraley, Jeanette Walden, Ken Vance, LtGen William B. Caldwell, IV, President of Georgia Military College; COL Fred Van Horn; and other interested parties.

BUSINESS:

1. Chairman of the Board, Randall A. New, having declared a quorum to be present, called the meeting to order.

2. Mr. George Hogan moved that the minutes of the meeting on October 20, 2014, be approved. Rev. Fraley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Mr. George Hogan reported that the Finance Committee met prior to this meeting and found everything to be in good order.

4. Chairman New extended thankful recognition to Mr. Bill Usery for the new Usery Community Conference Room. Next Chairman New requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Robert Mercer who was a friend of GMC and was buried today.

5. Kim Leben presented the GMC Prep School Report and noted SY14-15 began with the largest Prep School enrollment to date of 549 students. The students in the Prep School are from 10 counties, with the majority living in Baldwin County. The SY14-15 student population is comprised of 52% male and 48% female. Ms. Leben also reports the Class of 2014 led the first ever student-driven scholarship initiative. The seniors took ownership of this effort by donating their own money and then challenged other students, parents, family members, faculty and friends of GMC to do the same. The students reached their goal of $12,500 by their graduation date and the Institution matched this amount to honor their legacy. This enabled the scholarship to be fully endowed.

6. Mr. Gray provided the Engineering Report outlining the GMC Fayetteville campus construction update and noted GMC Milledgeville Indoor Training Facility for baseball and softball is complete and in use; the purchase and acquisition of property located at 410 South Jefferson Street across from the Business Office in November 2014 and outlined future projects under consideration including renovation plans for Jenkins Hall.
7. COL Van Horn presented a Community Service Report noting GMC students, staff and faculty members are encouraged to be contributing citizens by performing community service within their communities as a college, members of campus organizations and as individuals. The Distinguished Order of the Servant Leader requires 100 hours to earn this award. 412 recipients have received this award since October 31, 2002. GMC strives to teach each of us have a civic duty to our community.

8. Mr. Rowe provided an update from the Georgia Military College Foundation fundraising efforts and results. Georgia Gives Day on November 13, 2014, was a tremendous success as GMC was the number one non-profit fundraiser in the State of Georgia. College Relations has put in place ten new scholarships with a total of twenty-five to date. The GMC Foundation is working to map out initiatives in Fayetteville.


10. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

LtGen Caldwell provided update regarding legislative initiatives being worked by the State Assembly. This included request for State support for an increase in funding for GMC faculty and staff; funding for renovation of Jenkins Hall; and funding for a new Military Science Department Facility. LtGen Caldwell presented an update on the draft of the Prep School tuition policy and current academic year. The GMC Foundation team effort to move forward is producing positive results and is indeed building academic scholarships for financial needs based students. Build One Another Up fund donations helped pay for 13 student meals last month.

11. The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for April 24, 2015.

12. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Randall A. New
Chairman

Doris Renfroe
Secretary-Treasurer

Reviewed by: LtGen William B. Caldwell, IV
President, Georgia Military College