

MOAA - Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter 12 October 2020 Zoom Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Garbus at 1605. The meeting is being conducted via Zoom due to the unavailability of a suitable meeting place due to Covid-19.

Attendees: Jay Garbus, Joe Anderson, Ron Morgan, Tony Castle, Carol Aljets, Larry Stawicki, Ron Wilsbach, Mary Cuthbertson, Chris Coke and Gary Aljets.

Secretary's Report – Gary Aljets

- No report from the Mecklenburg County Veterans Council. They plan to physically reopen the offices on 7 January 2021.
- The Veterans Service Office is closed for personal visits but is available via the telephone. No one has been named to replace Janene McGee but Darryl Crenshaw is the Acting Director.
- A motion was made and seconded approving the corrected minutes from the 9 September 2020 board meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Wilsbach

- General Fund balance \$2,099.41.
- Scholarship Account balance \$21,528.89.
- Payments were made for the Liability policy and the Post Office Box.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the treasurer's report.
- The proposed budget for 2021 was presented and approved.

Date and Location of Next Meeting – Joe Anderson has 22 signees for the American Red Cross virtual (Zoom) meeting in October. David Laws and Robert Kitchen would conduct a 45 minute workshop dealing with stress management, especially in the current pandemic which has most of us staying home. The Red Cross will send out an invitation for all who have signed up for the session.

Programs – Joe Anderson

All meetings are currently on hold pending the pandemic but if held these are the plans.

Upcoming programs:

- October 18 – American Red Cross Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques Workshop at 1500.
- November 15 – Chapter Elections
- December 13 – Holiday Party
- January 24 – Open at this time.

The possibility of a Zoom meeting with National MOAA representative was discussed. He has asked them to let us know if January, February or March is better.

Membership and Retention – Carol Aljets

- Utilization of the recruiting lists provided by National MOAA has been put on hold due to the pandemic.
- A letter has been drafted and will be emailed when our next meeting is set.
- New member added: Stewart Fowler, a Presbyterian minister.

Legislative Affairs – Tony Castle

- On the **national level**, the reduction of the medical corps by 18,000 billets has been put on hold. The House has voted to hold off any reduction in medical staff but the Senate has gone along with DOD recommendations. MOAA will be working on the Senate to amend the recommendation.
- On the **state level**, Izzy Husar and Jeri Graham conducted a ZOOM meeting with the Chapter Legislative Chairs. They identified items they would address with the state legislature but are on hold for now awaiting the results of the elections.
- Chuck Martin is now on the Military Committee for Facilities in South Carolina.
- Even though MOAA is non-partisan, we should look into inviting a local representative to a chapter meeting to discuss veteran/military issues of interest.

Newsletter – If you have anything you want in the newsletter let Jay Garbus know

Surviving Spouse Liaison – Mary Cuthbertson

- Nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business / New Business

- **JROTC Scholarship Program** – Bill McKenna has agreed to take the lead on the Scholarship Committee again this year. Ron Morgan has agreed to notify the senior instructors regarding the scholarships and they are scheduled to go out in the November/December timeframe. The plan at this time is to continue the scholarship program even with the cancellation of the 2020 golf tournament which funds the program.
- **JROTC Leadership Awards** – Larry will reach out to our schools for spring 2021. Everything is in limbo and he will work with the schools on a case by case basis.
- The phone tree exercise was not an overwhelming success but with all the ‘robo’ calls it was felt that several members did not answer their phones when they did not recognize the caller. Those members that did answer the phone were doing well and looking forward to having meetings again. Several members with answering machines were left a message with call back numbers if they had any questions.
- Joe Anderson and Ron Morgan have worked out a possible list of chapter officers for next year. The membership will be notified again, via the newsletter, of the floor being open for further nominations. Chuck Martin did advise Ron Morgan that he would not move up to president after serving as 1st VP if elected. Voting on the nominees will take place in the November meeting. Joe will review the By-laws for appropriate of voting via ZOOM.

Announcements:

- ❖ Ballantyne Breakfast the 1st Thursday of the month at Another Broken Egg Café from 0730 – 0900. Pay your own meal.

- ❖ Lunch at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 E. Morehead Street. Meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 1145 – 1300. \$10 Buffet.
- ❖ Mecklenburg Veterans Council – 1st Tuesday every month at 11:30 am. Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Ste. 2000 (Community Support Services), Bldg. D, Charlotte, NC. The meeting room is the Queen City Conference Room, 202. ON HOLD PENDING CHANGE IN COVID-19.
- ❖ Veterans Bridge Home (VBH) will be having a virtual special 11 November event which will include a Medal of Honor winner. Registration with VBH is required.

The next board meeting will be in November, via Zoom, with the expectation of no additional changes due to the pandemic.

The meeting was adjourned at 1700, with a short interlude from Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary Aljets
Secretary