

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for September 20, 2015

President Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café. The invocation was given by Past President Harley Ellinger and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Members present introduced themselves and their spouses. The 50/50 Raffle of \$20.00 was won by John Willis.

Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund has a balance of \$3,377.00 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$8,240.00.

Officer Reports:

1st VP/Programs – Jay Garbus advised the members of speakers and/or programs for the remainder of 2015 and asked for suggestions for 2016 speakers.

2ndVP/Recruiting/Retention – Tim Dremman. Tim is traveling but Ron Morgan reported that we have seven new members in 2015. Ron also noted that MOAA national has reported 1500 national members in the Charlotte area who are not associated with local chapters. The list will be culled for viable members.

3rd/VP/Legislative Affairs – Gloria Scienski told the members about the potential outcome of a government shutdown should the Congress and the Administration be unable to come to an agreement to continue funding government operations. Harley Ellinger, NCCOC Legislative Affairs VP added that state MOAA efforts are centered around helping to fix the VA problems in North Carolina. Harley reported that the newly passed state budget calls for a new military department headed by Major General Cornel Wilson, Jr. reporting directly to Gov. McCrory. MG Wilson was our speaker in November 2014.

Old Business:

Ron Morgan told the Chapter that in spring we will once again be providing leadership awards to the 34 JROTC Units in the Charlotte area and the Gold Bar Program for the two ROTC Units at UNCC. We will also be submitting two JROTC Instructor names to the NCCOC for the state JROTC award.

New Business:

The Chapter's JROTC benefit Golf Tournament will be tomorrow, September 21st at Verdict Ridge Golf and Country, Denver, NC.

Nominations are being accepted for Chapter officers and board positions for 2016. Election will take place at our November meeting and installation of the new slate will be at the January 2016 meeting. Jay Garbus will be handling nominations and the election.

Ron Morgan advised the members that final preparations by the Scholarship Committee to produce the final application format, selection criteria, timeline production, interviews etc., needs to be finalized to enable the Chapter to award scholarships in the spring. Ron requested that additional members are needed to complete this vital phase of the award process. See Ron, Harley or Gloria for specifics.

Announcements:

Next board meeting – Oct. 7th – Next Chapter Meeting – Oct.18th (Oktoberfest) – Red Rocks Café.

Fall meeting dates – Nov. 15th and Dec. 6th

Oct 17th – US Navy Birthday Ball.

Oct. 30th – 31st – National MOAA Meeting – Orlando, FL

Nov. 6th – USMC Birthday Ball, Charlotte Convention Center.

Nov 7th – Charlotte Veterans Day Celebration.

Nov 9th – Carolinas Freedom Foundation Breakfast.

Nov. 13th & 14th – USNA Men's Glee Club w/Charlotte Symphony.

Jan. 8th – 9th, 2016 – Chapter is hosting NCCOC Quarterly Meeting. Site and details TBD.

Program:

Jay Garbus introduced our guest speaker, Col. Bob Clark, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Director of JROTC Programs. Col. Clark spoke about the organization, operations and achievements of the units in Mecklenburg County. Following a question and answer session the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer