

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for March 20, 2016

President Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café. The invocation was given by Chaplain John Samb and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron welcomed all guests and members. The 50/50 raffle of \$31.00 was won by Martha Short. The minutes for the February 21st were approved without changes. Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund has \$2995.48 and the Scholarship Fund has \$10,298.83.

Officer Reports:

1st VP/Programs – Jay Garbus reported that the April 17th speaker will be Chapter member Tres Jones who will talk about his recently completed year long deployment to Kosovo as a peacekeeper. At the May 22nd meeting we will honor the four high school JROTC Cadets that have each won a \$1,000 merit scholarship for higher education.

2nd VP/Recruiting and Retention – Tim Dremann was absent.

3rd VP/Legislative Affairs – Gloria Scienski advised the members about efforts by MOAA and the Military Coalition to provide input to Congress during their deliberations concerning the 2017 budget hearings, specifically changes being discussed to active duty and retired medical benefits. Gloria advised that you keep yourself fully informed through MOAA's Legislative Updates issued each Friday afternoon.

Newsletter – Carol Morgan asked that inputs for the April Newsletter be submitted by April 6th. She also requested bios and pictures from new members so we can introduce you to the chapter.

Old/New Business

- a. Ron Morgan reported that the JROTC Scholarship Committee has completed its deliberations and selected four graduating seniors for \$1,000 scholarships. The four cadets are: Melody Alexander, Ardrey Kell High School; Alia Bennett, Mt. Pleasant High School; Rebeca Teran, Providence High School; Augustus DeStefano, Butler High School. Letters congratulating the winners have been sent and letters to those non-winners have also been sent.
- b. JROTC Leadership Awards – Larry Stawicki reported that these annual leadership awards must be delivered to all 34 high schools in our area. In past years members have volunteered to distribute these awards and Larry is seeking volunteers again this year. See Larry regarding particulars of the awards ceremonies.
- c. JROTC Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament – The 2016 tournament will be held on October 14th at Olde Sycamore Golf Plantation. The Tournament Committee will be meeting on March 22nd at 4:45 p.m. at Olde Sycamore.
- d. JROTC Instructor of the Year – Applications have been distributed to the 34 schools in our area and are due back on March 25th. The Charlotte-Metrolina winners will be forwarded to NC Council of Chapters (NCCOC) by April 15th for consideration of the state awards. Local award winners will be honored at the May 22nd meeting.
- e. Ron Morgan noted the "Charlotte Parents Magazine" on each table and the article within about Charlotte Mecklenburg School's JROTC Program successes. Ron thanked Kathleen Wilsbach for her efforts in getting this very fine article through the publication process.
- f. Chapter Challenge Coin – Ron Wilsbach reported that the Board has reviewed several options and approved a final design. The vendor has been notified and production is underway. It is hoped that the coins will be available by our April Chapter meeting.
- g. Spring Chapter meeting schedule – April 17th, May 22nd
- h. Fall Chapter meeting schedule – Sept. 18th, Oct. 16th, Nov. 20th, Dec 11th.

- i. Announcement of Events;
 - a. NCCOC Quarterly Meeting – Apr. 1st and 2nd- Kitty Hawk
 - b. VA Clinic open for patients – April 4th
 - c. VA Ribbon Cutting – Apr. 8th
 - d. Viet Nam Welcome Home event – Apr. 9th – Waxhaw Museum
 - e. CMS JROTC Awards Program – Bojangles Arena– Apr. 14th
 - f. JROTC Fun Run supporting JROTC – Apr. 23rd - Ron Morgan has info.

Program – Nobie Thrasher, USO NC and Charlotte Advisory Board Member presented an excellent overview of the important work being done by USO North Carolina here in the Charlotte area.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer