

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for January 8, 2016

The January Chapter meeting was a joint meeting with the North Carolina Council of Chapters held at the Regal Ballantyne Village Theatre Special Events area on Friday, January 8th, 2016. President Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The invocation was given by John Samb followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron Morgan introduced 11 National MOAA members from the local area who are not currently members of the Chapter, asking those potential members to consider joining the Charlotte Chapter.

President Morgan then introduced COL Brian Anderson, USAF (Ret), Deputy Director, Department of Council and Chapter Affairs, MOAA, who spoke about the challenges facing retired and active duty personnel in the coming year. COL Anderson discussed the ongoing efforts of the Administration and the Department of Defense to reduce the benefits of the TRICARE Program and other benefits. COL Anderson stressed that all members will need to keep aware of efforts to decrease those promised benefits and to make your positions known to your elected officials.

President Morgan introduced Jon Kan and Ken Leahy who provided music during the dinner.

Following dinner COL (Ret) Jeri Graham, outgoing president of the NCCOC, offered remarks and thanks to all who helped support her efforts over her two year tenure. President Graham then introduced the "Wind Beneath Our Wings Ceremony", presented Council Awards and introduced the 50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration Ceremony.

COL Anderson then presided over the installation of the new NCCOC Officers. Those being installed were: President – CAPT Douglas Ehrhardt, USN (Ret); 1st Vice President – CAPT David Lee, USNR (Ret); 2nd Vice President – COL Harley Ellinger, USA (Ret); 3rd Vice President – LTC Gary Marlar, USA (Ret); Secretary – CDR Carol Aljets, USNR (Ret); Treasurer – LtCol George Brudzinski, USMC (Ret); Surviving Spouse Council Liaison – Carol Ivey.

Newly installed President, CAPT Doug Ehrhardt, made brief remarks expressing his hopes for the future of NCCOC efforts. President Ehrhardt then installed the Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter Officers. Those being installed were: President – COL Ron Morgan, USMCR (Ret); 1st Vice President – CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret)(absent); 2nd Vice President – COL Tim Dremann, USMCR (Ret)(absent); 3rd Vice President – Gloria Scienski, USMC, Surviving Spouse; Secretary/Treasurer – CDR Ron Wilsbach, USN (Ret); Chaplain – LCDR John Samb, USN (Ret); Board Members – CDR Carol Aljets, USNR (Ret); COL Harley Ellinger, USA (Ret); COL Scott Morris, USA (Ret); LtCOL Larry Stawicki, USMC (Ret).

Ron Morgan closed the meeting by thanking all for their attendance and participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Secretary