

## Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for December 11, 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 the meeting's entertainer, Ed DeMint and his wife, Barbara. Ron also advised the members that Sue Barden was going through heart testing and asked members to remember Sue in their prayers. The 50/50 raffle of \$30 was won by Kathleen Wilsbach.

Ron Morgan requested a motion to accept the Chapter minutes from the November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 meeting which were published in the last Chapter Newsletter. The minutes were approved as written. Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer, reported that the General Fund has a balance of \$2,571.55 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$21,441.78.

Ron Morgan reviewed the list of meeting speakers for the next few Chapter meetings. On January 15<sup>th</sup> we will have the installation of 2017 Chapter Board Members by Doug Ehrhardt, President of the North Carolina Council of Chapters. We will also have a presentation about PTSD and Veteran suicides from Bob Evans, a mental health professional with many years of experience in New York. On February 19<sup>th</sup> Steve Phillips of AAA of the Carolinas will speak about distracted driving. ( AAA of The Carolinas presented \$5000.00 to the JROTC Scholarship Program in July 2016.)

Gloria Scienski and Harley Ellinger reported that all members need to pay particular attention to actions by the national government in regards to our health care benefits. Members were reminded that effective on December 1<sup>st</sup> CVS was no longer an Express-Scripts provider. Harley also advised members that the National Defense Budget Act is now on the President's desk for action. MOAA national is requesting that all members use every means at their disposal to let President Obama know their position with regard to retired military benefits in the bill that may or may not be lost because of the President's actions in signing or not signing the bill.

### Old/New Business

- a. Ron Morgan advised the Chapter that **JROTC golf committee members** have begun efforts to enlist local businesses in support of the 2017 golf tournament supporting the JROTC Scholarship Fund. Volunteers are needed in all areas of the tournament and President Morgan asks that those who have not assisted in the past plan to do so in 2017. There will be an organizational meeting scheduled in January 2017.
- b. **JROTC Scholarship Committee** - All JROTC Units supported by Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter have been advised that scholarships of significant award levels were sent to all unit senior officers in December. Completed applications were due back to the Chapter not later than February 11, 2017.
- c. **JROTC Leadership Awards** – The Board of Directors has agreed to include three South Carolina JROTC Units into the Chapter's Leadership Awards Program and the JROTC Scholarship competition. This action was taken due to a lack of any South Carolina MOAA Chapters in close proximity to the following high schools: Nation Ford H.S.; Fort Mill H.S.; Indian Land H.S.
- d. **2017 Dues** – Dues for 2017 will need to be paid effective December 31<sup>st</sup>. Those Chapter members not paying dues by the 31<sup>st</sup> of December will be invoiced.
- e. **USAA Annual Gift** – The request to USAA has been sent. This annual gift of \$300 from USAA must be used for Chapter Operations and administrations.

- f. **Scholarship Fund Raising Letter** – The end of year letter, to correspond with the end of the federal tax year, has been sent to all members.
- g. **Chapter Newsletter** – Inputs for inclusion in the January issue need to be submitted to Carol Morgan by December 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements**

- a. Ron Morgan reported that he attended the showing of the movie “Thank You For Your Service” on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Regal Cinema, Phillips Place. The movie was produced by the American Red Cross and has very been well received by all who have seen it.
- b. Ron Morgan reminded the Chapter that the NCCOC State Convention will be held on September 7 – 10 at Colonial Williamsburg. Information and registration can be obtained at the NCCOC Web Site. ([moaa-nc.org](http://moaa-nc.org))
- c. Ron Morgan stated that a major effort will be made during the next year to recruit and retain members.
- d. Ron Wilsbach conducted a Christmas Trivia contest.
- e. After dinner Ed DeMint provided a Christmas music presentation.

Following the entertainment President Ron Morgan awarded Dale Hogue the prize for the ugliest plaid shirt and Donna Williams won for the ugliest sweater. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Wilsbach  
Secretary/Treasurer