

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Board Meeting Minutes September 6th, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. at the Bella Sera Villas Clubhouse by President Ron Morgan.

Officers present: President Ron Morgan; 1st VP Jay Garbus; 3rd VP Gloria Scienski; Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach; Director/Past President Harley Ellinger; Director/Past President Carol Aljets; Director Larry Stawicki; Guest Gary Aljets.

Secretary's Report – Board Meeting Minutes from August 9th 2016 were approved without changes.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Wilsbach reported that the General Fund has a balance of \$2,170.10. The Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$14,505.36.

1st VP – Jay Garbus reported the September 18th speaker will be Larry Dandridge, LTC (Ret), author who will discuss his books and experiences from the Vietnam War. Larry will have books available for sale. Profits from the sale of his books go to Fisher House for VA Medical Center. The October 16th meeting will be our annual Oktoberfest celebration. November 20th speaker will be Chapter member John Willis who will talk about local programs that will enable citizens to survive natural's disasters and other emergencies. The December 11th program will be our annual Christmas Party. A discussion about having the Christmas Party at an alternate location and having the meeting catered by Southern Gourmet followed. Cost would be \$30 per person. The board felt that the cost would not be prohibitive but the proposal would be presented to the membership at the September meeting. A discussion followed regarding board members making calls to members to insure members are alerted to the meetings in September and October.

2nd VP – Tim Dremann was absent. Ron Morgan began a discussion of getting additional members involved in offices of the Chapter. Ron Morgan told the Board David Lee, NCCOC 2nd VP reported at the last Quarterly Meeting in Boone about things to do when a potential new member visits a meeting. Ensuring that he is welcomed is always important, however follow up to his attendance is more so. David recommended that each Chapter have a new member card on which to record the potential members contact numbers and have someone charged with contacting the member to thank him for his attendance, stress that he/she is encouraged to join the Chapter and to ask for feedback of his experience at the meeting. Harley Ellinger also added that another suggestion that David provided was to ensure that meetings are fun by providing good programs and light activities for the membership.

3rd VP – Gloria Scienski yielded her time to NCCOC 3 VP Harley Ellinger who reported that material from the latest NCCOC Newsletter regarding legislation being discussed for implementation at the state and national level affecting veterans benefits and active duty members must be promulgated to all members. This effort will take place through the Chapter Newsletter and Chapter eNewsletter.

Old/New Business:

- a. **JROTC Golf Tournament** . Ron Morgan reported that the golf committee is still actively soliciting sponsors, raffle and door prizes silent auction items and golfers for the tournament on October 14th. Ron advised that the committee is meeting on September 21st at Olde Sycamore and hopes is to have all participants, sponsors and gifts set by that date.
- b. **JROTC Leadership Awards**. Larry Stawicki has expressed a desire to phase out of handling the leadership award program. The Board will endeavor to enlist the assistance of Bill Baker and Joe Anderson to help with this effort. It is anticipated that the program requirements

for this program may increase in the future as we assume responsibility for South Carolina JROTC units located in the "Upstate Area of South Carolina". Ron Morgan advised the Board that National MOAA has advised the membership that in the future the medals and certificates will not be free of charge. How much will be charged by national is not clear at this time. This charge will also apply to the "Gold Bar Program".

- c. **Nominations Committee for 2017 Officers.** Jay Garbus will head the committee with members; Harley Ellinger; Gloria Scienski; Larry Stawicki and Scott Morris.

Announcements:

- a. Scholarship Fund end of year donation letters will be sent out in September to outside sponsors and Chapter members for end of year donations.
- b. Next Board Meeting will be October 11th, 2016 at 4 p.m. at Bella Sera Villas Clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Ronald K. Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer