

## **Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for May 21<sup>st</sup> 2017**

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 introduced the scholarship award winners, who in turn introduced their parents and their respective JROTC Instructors.

The minutes of the April 23, 2017 were approved as written. The General Fund has a balance of \$3,019.60 and the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$23,487.38. The 50/50 raffle of \$36.00 was won by Ed Brown.

President Morgan advised all that the regular business portion of this meeting will be brief in consideration of scholarship awardees and their guests. Jay Garbus noted that new member Larry Rogers will be our September speaker. He will talk about his experiences as a combat surgeon during the Vietnam War. Jay also noted that the Chapter Christmas meeting/party will be held at Bella Sera Clubhouse in Matthews on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Ron Morgan announced that the Chapter has nine new members for 2017. Harley Ellinger advised all members of the urgent request from NC MOAA Council and the 4<sup>th</sup> Branch to respond to state representatives regarding moving the pending Bailey-Patton legislation out of committee to the floor for a vote. All members' efforts are needed for this important effort.

### **Important Future Events:**

1. **JROTC Golf Tournament Committee Meeting** – May 31<sup>st</sup> at 4 p.m. at Olde Sycamore.
2. **California Pizza Kitchen/Charlotte MOAA Dining Day Fund Raiser for JROTC** – May 24<sup>th</sup> anytime of the day. Take-out also qualifies. Insure you take the flyer. Tell your neighbors.
3. **JROTC Leadership Awards** – Chapter members did a great job getting these out.
4. **Matthews Veterans Advisory Committee Vietnam War Exhibit** - May 20<sup>th</sup> thru May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Matthews Community Center Room 204, 100 W. McDowell St., Matthews.
5. **AAA of the Carolinas** - provided significant financial support to the JROTC Scholarship fund in exchange for teen distracted driving essays from Scholarship applicants.

Following dinner Ron Morgan introduced the two JROTC Instructor of the Year Awardees: Major Eric A. Graham, USAF (Ret), Senior Aerospace Instructor at North Mecklenburg High School(absent) and Sergeant Major John D. Logan, USMC (Ret), at Nation Ford High School, Fort Mill, SC. Awardees were presented with a certificate, a gift card and a Chapter Challenge Coin. Col Bob Clark, CMS Director of JROTC Programs will present Major Grahams Award.

Ron Morgan introduced Scott Morris, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee to award the scholarships to JROTC winners. Scott thanked all those who have contributed to this year's scholarship program, especially fellow committee members Gloria Scienski and Larry Stawicki. He also thanked Harley Ellinger for his contribution as the author of the scholarship program. The winners of the Charlotte MOAA 2017 Scholarships are: Jessica Dohman, Weddington High School; Abram G. Magaldi, Myers Park High School; Mitchell A. Roberts, Ardrey Kell High School; Asael Noe Salinas, Rocky River High School. Each recipient graciously accepted their award and expressed thanks to their parents, their instructors and the Chapter for providing this award. In addition to the scholarship certificate awardees were each given a Chapter Challenge Coin.

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted – Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer

