

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Board Meeting Minutes February 15th, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café by President Ron Morgan. Officers present: President Ron Morgan; 1st VP Jay Garbus; 2nd VP Dale Hogue; 3rd VP Dick Steeves; Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach; Director Carol Aljets; Director Scott Morris; Director Larry Stawicki; Director Gloria Scienski. Director Harley Ellinger was absent.

Ron Morgan advised the Board that several members of the Chapter attended Sue Barden's Memorial following her passing on February 1st, 2017. Sue will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery.

Secretary/Treasurer Reports for the January 2017 Board meeting were approved with the following corrections. Ron Wilsbach reported that due to an error adding \$3,000.00 instead of \$300.00 to the Scholarship checkbook ledger the total was incorrectly reported to be \$25,601.04 instead of \$22,926.04. Also, Ron Morgan wanted the minutes to reflect that as a result of the December 2016 request letter for end of year giving, the Scholarship Fund raised an additional \$1,400 for the Scholarship Fund. Ron expressed his thanks to those members making donations during 2016. A motion was made and seconded to reflect these changes to the January 2017 Minutes.

Ron Morgan called for the Treasurer to give the Board the latest fund balances. Ron Wilsbach reported that the Scholarship Fund had a total of \$23,051.06 and the General Fund had a balance of \$4033.01.

1st VP – Programs – Jay Garbus reported that the **February 19th** program speaker will be Nichol McGarity from AAA of the Carolinas who will speak on "Distracted Driving". On **March 19th** Mark Beymer, President of the MOAA Chapter in Salisbury, will speak about "Lessons Learned as a Combat Helicopter Pilot." At the **April 23rd** meeting Joe Dixon will speak about "All Things Coast Guard". **May 21st** will be our annual JROTC Scholarship Presentations and JROTC Instructor of the Year Awards presentations. A discussion of programs beyond the summer recess followed.

2nd VP – Membership/Retention - Ron Morgan passed out new MOAA Membership Brochures for Board Members to provide to non national members. Ron is planning to encourage Chapter members that do not currently hold membership in the national organization to do so. Non national members do not help with the scoring process in the Chapter's 5 Star Excellence Award Process. Ron Morgan reported that an email from member John Willis expressed concern for the lack of support shown from local JROTC Instructors for Chapter efforts. Ron Morgan has written each of the senior officer instructors within our area asking their support in joining the Chapter and encouraging them to consider joining the national MOAA organization. Ron advised the Board that Col. Bob Clark, Director of the Charlotte School System JROTC Units also supports the Chapter's effort to enlist the assistance of local JROTC Instructors. Ron Morgan asked Dale Hogue to briefly discuss Dale's effort to distribute a questionnaire to Chapter members asking members for their input to improve their experience with the Chapter and to improve the Chapter efforts. A discussion of the pros and cons of this effort followed but the general opinion was that the survey was needed and should proceed.

3rd VP – Legislative Affairs – Dick Steeves reported that he has met with Harley Ellinger and Gloria Scienski for a briefing of previous efforts within the Chapter to advise the members of ongoing legislative matters at the state and national levels. Dick pointed out there are three major subjects warranting the members attention and which he would will monitor and report on: (1) Changing retirement benefits in the planning pipeline; (2) Commissary savings are now 20%; (3) Concurrent

receipts are being considered for future modifications. (Concurrent receipt is the offset of retired pay due to disability awarded by VA for service connected disability.)

Old/New Business:

- a. March Chapter Newsletter in puts are due to Carol Morgan by the 3rd of March.
- b. JROTC Golf Tournament Committee held a January 23rd meeting and established sponsor levels, golfer fees and other important organizational matters. Flyers are ready for distribution and members are encouraged to begin solicitation for sponsors. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 14th. Contacts and commitments from sponsors should be reported to Ron Morgan.
- c. A discussion about the costs of JROTC Leadership Awards and ROTC Gold Bars followed. Larry Stawicki will provide an ordering list to Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach who will obtain the awards from MOAA. A motion to implement the ordering of medals and other materials for the JROTC Leadership Awards was made and approved. Gold Bars for Army ROTC units will be ordered by Scott Morris and Greg Ainslie will do the same for Air Force ROTC Graduates.
- d. JROTC Instructor of the Year Award Applications have been sent to the appropriate school boards and are due back on March 31st.
- e. February 22nd is the California Pizza Kitchen “Dining Days” for the Chapter’s JROTC/ROTC Fund raising efforts. Those attending should have a flyer and give it to their waiter/waitress when ordering. Flyers are available at Chapter meetings, in the Chapter Newsletter and on the Chapter Website – charlottemoaa.org.
- f. The Scholarship Committee has received 11 applications on February 11th. The committee will be reviewing all applications over the next few weeks.
- g. Scott Morris announced that Larry Hall, former Marine and State Legislator from Greensboro, is the new Veteran’s Coordinator for Governor Cooper replacing Cornell Wilson, Jr.

Announcements:

- a. NCCOC Quarterly meeting to be held in Greensboro on March 17-18. All are welcome to attend.
- b. NCCOC 2017 Convention to be held in Colonial Williamsburg on September 7 – 10. Info is available on the NCCOC Website. (moaa-nc.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer