

## **Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Board Meeting Minutes August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. at the Red Rock Café by President Ron Morgan. Officers present were: President Ron Morgan; Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach; 3<sup>rd</sup> VP Dale Hogue; Past President Harley Ellinger; Director Carol Aljets; Director Gloria Scienski; Director Larry Stawicki; Guest Gary Aljets.

The Board meeting minutes for the May 9<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting were approved with the following change: first paragraph change 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Jay Garbus to 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Ron Wilsbach, Treasurer reported that the General Fund balance is \$3,169.58 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$16,387.38.

**Programs** – Ron Morgan reported that upcoming programs are as follows: Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Larry Rogers to discuss Vietnam medical experiences; Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Oktoberfest celebration( \$17.00 per person); Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> TBD; December 17<sup>th</sup> Chapter Christmas Party/Dinner at Bella Sera in Matthews to be catered by Southern Gourmet. Ron Morgan will explore options for the November program following a suggestion from Carol Aljets regarding an ex homeless vet who speaks about his journey of recovery. Larry Stawicki initiated a discussion about changing table setup for Chapter meetings from eight person tables to four person tables. No formal decision was made.

**Membership/Retention – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Dale Hogue** - Ron Morgan led a discussion regarding how to utilize the MOAA National list of members not affiliated with any chapter. No formal decisions were made. Dale Hogue introduced the Board to a new member recruiting device that presents an “elevator message” of why to join MOAA. The message is contained on an invitation envelope and can be handed to a prospective member and contains directions to go to the MOAA website for a two minute message that summarizes the benefits of being a MOAA member. This initial printing is available to all members. Ron Morgan led a discussion about the 14% of Chapter members who do not belong to National MOAA and efforts we need to make to get them to join national. No decisions were made.

**Legislative Affairs** - Harley Ellinger reported that all North Carolina US Representatives have been visited by MOAA personnel and reminded the congressional delegates that unless they take positive action and produce a new budget, sequestration will once again produce a 25% “hit” for the Defense Department Budget for 2018. Harley also mentioned that big changes are being made to TRICARE programs and all beneficiaries need to pay attention to measures being proposed. TRICARE For Life is not being changed at this time.

**Newsletter** to be published the first week of September.

### **Old/New Business –**

1. Sponsors and golfers are still needed for the **JROTC Benefit Golf Tournament** on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The golf committee is in need of raffle items as well as “goodie bag items”. Give Ron Morgan a call if you can help out with this activity. (704-708-8866)
2. Ron Morgan asked members of the Scholarship Committee to meet to discuss any procedural changes and the timeline for the 2018 awards.
3. Ron Morgan announced that the Chapter has been awarded a 4-Star Level of Excellence Award for 2016. The award will be presented to the Chapter on September 9<sup>th</sup> by Gen. Dana Atkins, President and CEO of MOAA at the North Carolina Council of Chapters meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia.

4. Ron Morgan led a discussion of future speakers and programs.
5. Ron Morgan passed out a paper titled "The MOAA Family Initiative and Family Outreach Grant". This 501(c)3 MOAA program provides grants to military families. Please review for future discussion.

**Announcements:**

1. NC Council of Chapters 2017 Convention – Colonial Williamsburg (Sep. 7 – 10)
2. Web Sites: [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) - [www.oaa-nc.org](http://www.oaa-nc.org) - <http://charlottesmoaa.org>
3. Chapter Fall Meeting Dates: Sep 17; Oct 15; Nov 12; Dec 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer