

MOAA - Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter 14 April 2019 Chapter Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Garbus at 1530.

Secretary's Report – Gary Aljets

- The Veterans Choice Program is being replaced by the VA Mission Act of 2018. This new community care network is expected to become effective when the new regulations are published, about 6 June 2019.
- Funding has been approved and renovation of the American Legion Memorial Stadium will begin this summer. They are looking for veterans to provide their input for the end of the stadium dedicated to veterans. To volunteer and for additional info please contact Bert Lynn, Capital Planning Division Director, Park and Recreation Department at 980-314-1012 (h) or 704-589-7491 (c).
- A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes for the January, February and March meetings.

Treasurer's Report – Ron Wilsbach

- Operations Account balance \$5,249.84 which includes approximately \$2,400 of MFI money. Expenses did come out for JROTC Awards (\$301) and ROTC Awards (\$386.25).
- Scholarship Account balance \$28,164.07.
- Ron has paid \$500 to Olde Sycamore Golf Club to reserve the course for our tournament this fall.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the treasurer's report.

Date and Location of Next Meeting – 19 May, 3PM, Red Rocks Café. Awarding of scholarships.

Programs – Joe Anderson

- He is seeking volunteers to work with him on programs and the idea of having quarterly themes upon which to center these programs.
- Upcoming Programs:
 - 14 April – Kate McCullough, LifeShare of the Carolinas.
 - 9 May – JROTC Scholarship Awards – delayed payments?
 - 15 Sep –
 - 27 Oct – Oktoberfest
 - 17 Nov – Pat Bidy – progress on the MIA situation
 - 8 Dec – Holiday Party

Membership and Retention – Carol Aljets

- She has the short list and is researching the individuals on the list so she can personalize the emails she will be sending inviting them to join our chapter.
- Carol has made three copies of the reduced list furnished by Scott and is seeking volunteers to send out an email to those on their list. Paul Larkin has stepped up. Thanks Paul.

Legislative Affairs – Dick Steeves

In Dick's absence, Ron Wilsbach mentioned that the NC Senate will be accepting bills for consideration through 15 or 16 April. The House has already closed their acceptance of new bills. Our charge is to work with 4th Branch and push for the passage of HB213, which is an extension of the Bailey Settlement.

Surviving Spouse Liaison - Gloria Scienski

No report.

Old Business / New Business

- The **ROTC/JROTC MOAA Leadership Awards Program**- Larry Stawicki. The delivery of the medals/certificates has been arranged for every JROTC unit by the 1st of May.
 - The medals have been delivered to Audrey Kell, Providence and Weddington High Schools by Ron Morgan. But since he will be out of town he is looking for someone who can actually present them.
 - On 25 April at the Bojangles' Arena, the Mecklenburg County JROTC Awards Night will commence at 1800. Ron Morgan will be recognizing the scholarship winners at this event.
- **JROTC Scholarship** - Scott Morris
 - Five scholarships for \$2,000 each will be given at our May meeting. We are expecting 20 additional guests for this meeting.
 - There is an issue with one of the awardees as she will not be going to college immediately this fall due to extenuating circumstances. To address this issue, a motion was made, seconded and approved by the board to extend her usage of the scholarship until the end of September 2020.
 - To clarify our position for future awardees, a motion was made, seconded and approved stating that the scholarship award must be committed to a school by the end of the year in which the scholarship is awarded, i.e. awarded in May 2019 must be committed by 31 December 2019.
- **MOAA Military Family Initiative (MFI) Community Outreach Grant** – Ron Morgan. The current grant must be used by the end of April. The remaining funds will be used for the Patriot's Path Speed Networking Event on 9 May at Trinity Presbyterian Church. He has applied for an additional grant to continue this mentoring program.
- The **UNCC ROTC Gold Bars Program** – Scott Morris/Chuck Martin. Need to order the gold bars and certificates. Scott will handle the US Army and Chuck the US Air Force.
- Update **By-laws** of the Chapter. Ron Morgan has asked to be excused from this task due work load. Looking for a volunteer to work with Carol Aljets on this project.
- LOE submission for 2018 is being worked on by Ron Morgan.
- Jay has submitted for the Communications Award
- JROTC Scholarship **Golf Tournament** – Need sponsors. We are getting well enough known that we expect no issues getting golfers.
- Jay will be featured on Channel 9 (WSOC TV) concerning the defective earplugs manufactured by 3M and currently being sued. They earplugs were used in the 2003-2010 timeframe.

Announcements:

- ❖ Veteran's Coffees on the 4th Fridays of every month at the Dilworth Grill on Morehead and Mc Dowell from 0800 to 0930. \$5 Breakfast
- ❖ Ballantyne Breakfast the 1st Thursday of the month at Another Broken Egg Café from 0730 – 0900. Pay your own meal.
- ❖ Lunch at Covenant Presbyterian Church, 1000 E. Morehead Street. (The attendance has been so popular they had to move from Dilworth Grille.) They meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month from 1145 – 1300. \$10 Buffet.

- ❖ Breakfast at Covenant Presbyterian Church every 4th Friday 0800-0930.
- ❖ University Coffee every 3rd Friday 0730-0900 at UNCC ROTC Memorial Hall.
- ❖ Mecklenburg Veterans Council – 1st Tuesday every month at 11:30 am. Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Ste. 2000 (Community Support Services), Bldg. D, Charlotte, NC. The meeting room is the Queen City Conference Room, 2029
- ❖ 1-2 June – at the Latta Plantation there will be a re-enactment of the Battle that Saved Washington from 1000-1700.

Program: Kate McCullough from LifeShare of the Carolinas gave a very interesting presentation on the donation of organs and tissue in the event of one's death.

The meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gary Aljets
Secretary