

MOAA - Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter 4 November 2019 Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Jay Garbus at 1600.

Attendees: Jay Garbus, Ron Morgan, Carol Aljets, Mary Cuthbertson, Joe Anderson, Ron Wilsbach and Gary Aljets.

Secretary's Report - Gary Aljets - No report as I missed the last board meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Ron Wilsbach

- General Fund balance \$6,958.81 which includes \$4,500 of MFI grant money.
- Scholarship Account balance \$31,033.09.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the treasurer's report.

Date and Location of Next Meeting - 17 November at 1500, Red Rocks Café

Programs - Joe Anderson

Upcoming programs:

- 17 Nov - Pat Biddy - progress on the MIA situation
- 8 Dec - Holiday Party - discussed a white elephant/gift exchange program.
- 19 January - Installations of 2020 Chapter Officers. Incoming NC Council of Chapter President Jim Brumit will do the honors.
- 16 February - Open
- 15 March - Carol and Joe are to talk about a program on the role of women in the military.
- 19 April - our chapter is due a speaker from national. Joe looking into.
- 17 May - was booked by another group so we need to move our meeting date. Jay to check with Red Rocks Café on the availability of 31 May or 7 June. (Footnote: Jay has now confirmed 31 May as our meeting date.)

Membership and Retention - Carol Aljets - No report at this time.

Legislative Affairs - Dick Steeves - No report at this time.

Surviving Spouse Liaison - Mary Cuthbertson has stepped up to be the new Surviving Spouse Liaison. She has already starting researching the duties and directives for the position. She is also planning on attending a cruise being put together for nurses and surviving spouse liaisons.

Old Business / New Business

- **JROTC Scholarship** - Scott Morris was excused from the meeting but forwarded the following report:
 - He has drafted a letter to be sent in November to all Senior JROTC Instructors. Ron Morgan will be sending out the letter for him.

- By December 2nd, a letter with the application will be forwarded to all JROTC units within our catchment area.
- By February 8th the application packets are due to the chapter.
- Scott is resigning from the Scholarship Committee and we will be looking for a replacement. The committee currently consists of Larry Stawicki and Robin Garbus.
- Scott has written an 'after action' report with his findings and thoughts for improvement of the process.
- **MOAA Military Family Initiative (MFI) Community Outreach Grant** - Ron Morgan reported that he has 13 mentors but there is a shortage of mentees. He is working with NCServes in search of additional mentees.
- **JROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament** - We had a successful tournament raising \$10,419.17. Kudos to Ron and his committee. The date for next year's tournament is 2 October 2020.
- **Nominating Committee report on nominees for 2020 positions:**
 - President - Jay Garbus
 - 1st VP/Programs - Joe Anderson
 - 2nd VP/Membership - Carol Aljets
 - 3rd VP/Legislative - Tony Castle
 - Treasurer - Ron Wilbach
 - Secretary - Gary Aljets
 - Board: Mary Cuthbertson, Larry Stawicki, Ron Morgan
 - Chaplain - John Samb
- We will be collecting Toys 4 Tots at both our November and December meetings. Please bring new toys, unwrapped. Larry will take care of all presents brought in November and Carol will take of toys brought to the December meeting.
- NC COC Convention will be attended by Carol and Ron Morgan and Carol and Gary Aljets.
- Ron Wilsbach advised that our giving Challenge Coins to Scholarship Awardees is an expense he has been taking out of the General Fund. He recommended that it be designated as an expense for the Scholarship Fund. A motion was made, seconded and approved making the Challenge Coin expense for scholarship awardees a scholarship expense and so reimburse the General Fund.
- **Dues:** The giving to the chapter membership the opportunity to pay 5 years dues for only \$100, a \$25 savings for members, and the \$5 first years dues has put a pinch on our General Fund. Two motions were presented to address this situation:
 - A motion was made, seconded and approved eliminating the \$5 dues for new members effective 31 December 2019.
 - A second motion was made, seconded and approved establishing dues effective 1 January 2020 of \$25 if paid before 1 March 2020. After that date the dues would be \$30. There was one vote against the motion.
 - Discussion followed about the possibility of increasing the dues to \$30 in 2021.

Up Coming Events:

- 15-17 November - NC COC State Convention at MCAS Cherry Point, NC. Look for a flyer with more details. *

*See the MOAA-NC.org website for further information and details.

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, Building D.

The meeting was adjourned at 1720.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Gary Aljets
 Secretary