

## MOAA - Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter 14 May 2019 Board Meeting

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

**Attendees:** Jay Garbus, Ron Morgan, Dick Steeves, Scott Morris, Ron Wilsbach and Gary Aljets.

### **Secretary's Report - Gary Aljets**

- Gary will email Board Minutes to Board members. Jay will handle minutes going to the Chapter.
- The Veterans Service Office has received a message from Ms. Chris Sullivan, Outreach Director, that until NC 09 has a Representative in Congress, the Office of the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives will service the needs of the constituents. The District Office is located at: 300 N. Main St., Monroe, NC and phone numbers are: 704-218-5300 or 202-225-1976.
- Darryl Crenshaw, VSO Rep., discussed that for those veterans needing hotel accommodations due to scheduled appointments, the VA Hospital in Salisbury do have hotel facilities called the HotTel. A problem has been transportation. Darryl is working with Amtrak, which has more services to Salisbury, on a possible solution.

### **Treasurer's Report - Ron Wilsbach**

- Operations Account balance \$2,123.86 which includes approximately \$72.72 of MFI money.
- Scholarship Account balance \$28,164.07.
- We do use US Mail to send the Chapter Newsletters to ten members without email addresses. The cost is approximately \$0.70 per mailing.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried approving the treasurer's report.

Date and Location of Next Meeting - 19 May at 1500, Red Rocks Café

**Programs** - Joe Anderson was not present as he was handing out the MOAA Award to the West Charlotte JROTC winner.

- Upcoming Programs:
  - 19 May - JROTC Scholarship Awards - delayed payments?
  - 15 Sep -
  - 27 Oct - Octoberfest
  - 17 Nov - Pat Bidy - progress on the MIA situation
  - 8 Dec - Holiday Party

**Membership and Retention** - Carol Aljets was absent due to illness.

- She did recruit two officers at the Sun Valley JROTC Awards Ceremony but advised that they may want to hold off attending until next month as the May meeting will be overflowing due to all the guests for the Scholarship attendees.
- Jay also has a member he is educating on the values of MOAA membership.

- Ron Morgan is working on a couple of the Mentors for the MFI program he is heading up.

#### **Legislative Affairs - Dick Steeves**

- The Senate and House have all the Bills they will be addressing this Legislative session. The Bailey Bill is in Committee but concerns about where to get the money is a potential roadblock.
- On the national level, the eliminating of the Widow's Tax is as close as it has ever been to being over turned.

**Surviving Spouse Liaison** - Gloria Scienski was not present due to a prior commitment.

#### **Old Business / New Business**

- The survey being requested by the Council of Chapters had too short a fuse for the Chapter to send out and get a response. From the survey the Chapter conducted about three years ago identified two concerns: (1) the costs of meals at Red Rocks were expensive and (2) interesting speakers/programs were key to attending meetings.
- The **ROTC/JROTC MOAA Leadership Awards Program**- Larry Stawicki was not present but all schools have the awards and medals.
- **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.
- **MOAA Military Family Initiative (MFI) Community Outreach Grant** - Ron Morgan. The chapter has reapplied for another grant for the same project. Ron announced that we have been given another grant for \$5,000 for this Mentorship Program. Ron identified some issues that will need to be addressed before we begin with a new class of Mentees.
- The **UNCC ROTC Gold Bars Program** - Scott Morris/Chuck Martin. COL Clark stepped in for Scott to handle the US Army awards and Chuck had 13 new officers for the USAF ROTC Program.
- Update **By-laws** of the Chapter. This is an on-going project for Jay and Carol. Scott has already redone the portion dealing with the Scholarship Program.
- LOE submission for 2018: We have won either 4 or 5 Star Award for our Website.
- Jay has submitted for the Communications Award. We have not heard the status as of yet.
- JROTC Scholarship **Golf Tournament** - Need sponsors. We are getting well enough known that we expect no issues getting golfers.

#### **Up Coming Events:**

- 17-18 May - North Carolina Council of Chapters (NC COC) Meeting at Flat Rock, NC \*
- 18-20 October - NC COC State Convention at Atlantic Beach \*

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

#### **Announcements:**

- ❖ Veteran's Coffees on the 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of every month at the Dilworth Grill on Morehead and Mc Dowell from 0800 to 0930. \$5 Breakfast

- ❖ Ballantyne Breakfast the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 1145 - 1300. \$10 Buffet.
- ❖ Breakfast at Covenant Presbyterian Church every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday 0800-0930.
- ❖ University Coffee every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 0730-0900 at UNCC ROTC Memorial Hall.
- ❖ Mecklenburg Veterans Council - 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**On the Lighter Side:** Top Padgett from the Marine Corps League 750 learned that Shamrock Elementary School had no U.S. flag. Upon further inspection he also learned that the flag pole needed new hardware. To make a long story short; Top Padgett got an American Flag, got the flag pole fixed and has recruited a group of 5<sup>th</sup> graders to serve as a Color Guard and take of the flag at the beginning of the day and after school.

The meeting was adjourned at 1700.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Gary Aljets  
Secretary