

Charlotte-Metrolina MOAA Chapter Minutes for October 16, 2016

President Ron Morgan called the Oktoberfest meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Rocks Café. The invocation was given by Chaplain John Samb and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ron welcomed backed Dan and Neta Caldwell. Ron advised the Chapter that German Beer and Wine were available in the back of the room.

Ron Morgan requested the Secretary/Treasurer report on the Chapter's financial position following Friday's JROTC Golf Tournament. Ron Wilsbach reported that the General Fund has a balance of \$2,516.35. After the golf tournament last Friday the Scholarship Fund has a balance of \$19,785.66. The preliminary net for the golf tournament is \$11,010.30.

Ron Morgan requested that Past President Harley Ellinger report the activities of the 2017 Officer Nominating Committee. Harley report that the Nominating Committee was comprised of himself, Scott Morris, Gloria Scienski and Larry Stawicki. The committee worked throughout September and have produced that following slate of officers to serve the Chapter during 2017. Officers are: President, Ron Morgan; 1st VP Jay Garbus; 2nd VP Dale Hogue; 3rd VP Dick Steeves; Secretary/Treasurer Ron Wilsbach; Director Scott Morris (Chair of Scholarship Committee); Director Larry Stawicki (JROTC Awards Program); Director Gloria Scienski, (Surviving Spouse Liaison). Ron Morgan asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. Being none, Ron asked for a vote supporting the nominating committee's slate and the vote was unanimous. Ron also announced that he was appointing Carol Aljets as a Director- at-Large for Veteran's Affairs and Liaison.

Ron Morgan reviewed the existing programs for the remainder of 2016. The November 20th program speaker will be Chapter member John Willis who will talk about the CERT and SMAT programs. December 11th will be the annual Christmas Program and Toys For Tots collection program. In 2017 our January 15th program will address PDST and veteran suicide programs. The remainder of the spring meeting dates are February 19th, March 19th April 23rd and May 21st. There are no meetings during the summer months.

Ron announced that on Monday, November 7th the Carolina's Freedom Foundations annual breakfast will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Uptown. Please see Ron for a seat if you would like to attend (\$81.25, tax deductible).

Ron Morgan thanked Chapter member Bill McKenna for volunteering to be the Guest Speaker at Providence High School JROTC Annual Navy Ball Formal.

The 50/50 raffle of \$26.00 was won by guest Jim Geisler, son of Frances and Bill Geisler.

Ron Morgan introduced Harley Ellinger who provided pertinent remarks about the historical events that led to the celebration Oktoberfest. Harley also told us of beer brewing recipes (, barley, hops, malt and water) , preservation techniques and the health benefits of drinking beer.

Following a delightful dinner of Weiner Schnitzel or roast chicken, beer and wine, the meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Wilsbach, Secretary/Treasurer.