

Charlotte Metrolina Chapter – MOAA

Chapter Meeting: 17 February 2019

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

Gary had two announcements from the Mecklenburg County Veterans Council.

- James Prosser, formerly the Veterans Service Office (VSO) Director for Mecklenburg County and more recently the Veterans Advocate for the State of North Carolina Military and Veterans Department, has passed away.
- The new offices of the VSO are located at: Community Support Services Department, Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 2000, Building D, Charlotte, NC 28208.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Wilsbach reported that he has no report at this time but there is approximately \$2,200 in the treasury from MOAA for the Military Family Initiative Community Grant (MFI). These monies will need to be spent by 30 April. A full report will be given at our next chapter meeting.

Programs:

- 17 February – Joe Anderson will be talking about the Tuskegee Airmen.
- 17 March – Ms. Catherine Hall, Atrium Health, will discuss Medical Power of Attorney, etc. and complete some after the meeting.
- 21 April – Ms. Kate McCullough from LifeShare of the Carolinas will be the guest speaker.
- 19 May – JROTC Scholarship Awards
- Ron Morgan will follow up with the speakers for March and April.
- Upcoming meetings for the remainder of the year will be on 15 September, 27 October (OktoberFest), 17 November and 8 December (Holiday Party). Dick recommended we look at Steve Sellers, USO Director at the Charlotte airport, for a future speaker. Carol will check with Lance Nelson from the VA as a possible speaker in September.

Membership:

Davidson had an organizational meeting to reestablish the satellite chapter. They had 15/16 people interested. National MOAA requires that a satellite have at minimum of 10 national members to be a satellite.

Legislative:

The state legislature is currently in the stage of organizing committee assignments and with the results of the recent elections, the Republicans no longer have a 'super majority' which made it easier to override any veto by the governor. MOAA and 4th Branch are busy seeking cosponsors for military/veterans related bills.

Newsletter:

Jay is editing the newsletter.

Surviving Spouse Liaison: No report

Old/New Business:

- JROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament: Ron Morgan has agreed to serve as the Chairman again next year with the assistance of Ron Wilsbach. The tournament takes a lot of work and we need the support of the whole chapter in the solicitation of additional sponsors and raffle prizes. We have reserved Olde Sycamore Golf Course for 4 October 2019 for next year's tournament. We will have an "out" clause in the event of our not being able to put the tournament together next year. We need to get the flyer for the tournament out.
- ROTC/JROTC MOAA Leadership Awards:
 - Larry Stawicki is getting contact information together and does not expect this program to take on a need for assistance until the April/May time frame. We have 39 high schools this year. Awards have been ordered.
 - Scott is getting the bars/Velcro patches and awards together for the Army. Chuck is working on the Air Force.
- JROTC Scholarship: Scott Morris advised that he has been receiving scholarship applications and we will be able to provide up to seven awards this years. As in past years, we will also be considering students who will be attending two year schools.
- Due to a lack of interest, we will not be doing any more CPK fundraising.
- Ron Morgan advised that he will be reapplying for the MOAA Military Family Initiative (MFI) Grant. We currently have 14 Mentors and Mentees. With the grant we have been paying for the lunches of new mentees at the Veterans Bridge Home Luncheons/Networking Sessions.
- We will be applying for the Harris Communications Award and it is due 1 March.
- Following discussion of the website and the unknown costs of the current web we are using Scott moved that we go back to the old website, Carol seconded the motion and it was approved. Ron Wilsbach will contact the old webmaster and get the things moving for us. In addition of a known cost, this has the additional benefit of getting access to our archived information.
- Ron Morgan and Carol Aljets have volunteered to review our current By-laws for possible changes. Scott Morris has already updated the section relating to scholarships.
- Application has been sent for the \$300 USAA grant.
- Ron Wilsbach presented the proposed budget for 2019. Ron Morgan moved the budget be approved, Scott Morris seconded and the motion was approved.

Program: Our own Joe Anderson spoke to the group about the Tuskegee Airman. It was a very timely presentation for the celebration of Black History Month.

Meeting adjourned 1600.

Next Meeting of the Board: To be determined.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Aljets, Secretary