

Charlotte Metrolina Chapter – MOAA

Chapter Meeting: 17 March 2019

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

Gary had two announcements from the Mecklenburg County Veterans Council.

- The North Carolina Purple Heart Foundation is sponsoring a dinner for Purple Heart recipients on 3 August 2019. For additional information email Kathleen Fairall at charlottepurpleheart@gmail.com.
- The Veterans Council put out a call for a volunteer to shuttle an out of town veteran to and from his hotel and the VA Clinic. Felicia Coates of VFW Post 7775 stepped up to serve this veteran.
- The next Honor Flight is coming up on 11 May and is rapidly filling up. There is another Honor Flight being planned in October. To apply, go to queencityhonorflight.org.

Treasurer's Report: Ron Wilsbach was absent so no report was given.

Programs: After the last meeting, Joe Anderson volunteered to take on the position of 1st Vice President, in charge of programs. He is thinking of doing programs in quarterly themes, such as Women in the Military, etc.

- 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
- 15 Sep – Tim Dremann's son discussing the state of the Marines and the military
- 27 Oct – Oktoberfest
- 17 Nov – Pat Bidy update on MIAs found.
- 8 Dec – Holiday Party

Membership: Carol Aljets

Carol Aljets has sent an email to a retired LTC she met at the USO, inviting her to a chapter meeting. MOAA will be releasing a national MOAA list with emails for us to mine for possible chapter members.

Legislative: Dick Steeves

The state legislature has reintroduced the Bailey Bill extending the benefits to all government employees. They currently have four co-sponsors of the bill. There will be a 'Storming of the Hill' in Raleigh. MOAA and 4th Branch are busy seeking cosponsors for military/veterans related bills.

Congressional District 9 still does not have a Representative in Congress. The election will be in September if one candidate from the Republicans can get more than 50% of the vote. Having several candidates running this may be difficult so the election may not be until November.

Newsletter:

Jay has applied for the Communications Award from National.

Surviving Spouse Liaison: Nothing new to report

Old/New Business:

- JROTC Scholarship Golf Tournament: We have reserved Olde Sycamore Golf Course for 4 October 2019 for next year's tournament. We are continuing to look for sponsors and volunteers to work the tournament.
- ROTC/JROTC MOAA Leadership Awards:
 - Larry Stawicki has the certificates and new (better made) awards that he will have available at the next chapter meeting on 17 March. We will have plenty of opportunity to help as we have 39 high schools this year.
 - 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 the committee has received and reviewed ten (10) good candidates. They have chosen five (5) for scholarships this year.
- 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.
- Blue Star Mothers are having their 2019 Military Kid's Ball on 20 April. Discussed giving a donation to help the ball. It was recommended that we check with Ron Wilsbach to see what if any donation was given to them.
- We are moving forward with the return to the old website manager, Lost Providence Productions. They require a payment of \$460 for the next subscription. The board agreed to pay the amount with a portion coming from the Scholarship Fund. Dick made the motion, it was seconded by Larry and the motion carried.
- Notification has gone out to members delinquent in the payment of their dues. Joe moved that those having not paid their dues since 2017 be removed from the rolls, second by Scott and the motion carried.
- Ron Morgan and Carol Aljets are working on the revision of our By-laws. Scott Morris has already updated the section relating to scholarships.

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Meeting adjourned 1645.

Next Meeting of the Board: To be determined.

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Aljets, Secretary