



### **Minutes of the 15 May NCCOC Quarterly Meeting**

Note that these minutes will incorporate references to slide numbers with comments as needed.

I. The Virtual Quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Council of Chapters was held via Zoom on Saturday, 15 May 2021. First Vice President COL Ihor (Iggi) Husar welcomed everyone and gave a brief overview of the meeting, which will focus on chapters. President COL James (Jim) Brumit was called away on a family emergency.

II. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was recited by all.

III. The Invocation was given by CAPT David Lee, Immediate Past President of the NCCOC.

IV. The meeting was called to order by Council First Vice President COL Iggi Husar at 1000 hours.

V. Attendance:

#### **Council Officers**

President	COL Brumit, Jim-Excused
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	COL Husar, Iggi
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	Lt. Col. Brown, Ed
Secretary	Harris, Sue
Treasurer	CAPT Covell, Mike
Ass't Treasurer	LTC Pomponio, Mike-Absent
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Adams, Sandi-Absent
Council Immed. Past Pres.	CAPT Lee, David
Council Past Pres./Webmaster	CAPT Ehrhardt, Doug
Council Past Pres.	COL Graham, Jeri
Council Past Pres.	COL Cansler, Joe-Absent

#### **Chapter Presidents, Satellite Chairs and Chapter Members**

NC01	Cape Fear	COL Underwood, Rich-Excused
NC02	Coastal	CAPT Ramian, Randall
NC04	Charlotte-Metrolina	LTC Anderson, Joe
NC06	Sandhills	Lt. Col. Croucher, Drew
NC07	SENCland	BG Carper, Jim
NC08	Tarheel	CDR Zuhr, Ken
NC09	Triangle	COL Segal, Herb- Absent Represented by Matt Segal
NC10	Western	Capt. Culp, Donna
NC11	Catawba Valley	LTC Davenport, Davy
NC14	Piedmont	Maj Corning, Aimee-Excused
NC 17	First in Flight	LCDR DelGarbino, Al
NC 20	Central	LTC Applewhite, Gary-Absent
NC21	High Country	Capt. May, Doug

NC22 New River LCDR Tucker, Steve-Absent Represented by Doug Ehrhardt

GA 14 Georgia Absent

Lake Norman Satellite Absent

Black Mountain Satellite Absent

Smoky Mountain Satellite Capt. Donna Culp

Coast Guard Eliz. City Satellite CDR Walker, Matt-Absent

Ken Klassen

Joseph Irrera

John Culp

Bruce Harris

**VI.** Approval of 20 February 2021 Quarterly Council Minutes: **COL Jeri Graham made a motion to approve the minutes.** CAPT Doug Ehrhardt seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously by a show of hands.

**VII.** Treasurer's Report: CAPT Mike Covell presented the treasurer's report (**slides 09 through 12**).

**VIII.** COL Jeri Graham mentioned that she and chapter legislative chairs visit the General Assembly in Raleigh frequently and it would be a nice incentive if the council would reimburse for parking. CAPT Doug Ehrhardt said that COL Brumit, COL Husar and CAPT Covell are considering this issue and will take it up as case by case.

**IX.** Proposed changes to the Bylaws (**slide 13**) were discussed. **CAPT Doug Ehrhardt moved to accept the LLC change but disapprove the second and third changes.** CAPT Randall Ramian seconded it. **BG Jim Carper amended the motion to vote on the first item separately from the Article VI changes.** Lt. Col. Drew Croucher seconded the motion. The amendment passed unanimously. **CAPT Doug Ehrhardt restated his motion for clarification, to vote on Article VI language on the slide deck as it relates to the change to the North Carolina Bylaws, that we reject the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sections and accept the recommendation of the members such that it doesn't create a hardship for any chapter.** A show of hands of the voting members present indicated all are willing to separate the LLC vote from the change to Article VI. **Lt. Col Drew Croucher moved to vote only on the LLC change and remove the proposed Article VI changes.** BG Jim Carper seconded it. After a reading of the current Section VI of the bylaws, the motion passed unanimously. We returned to the motion to add LLC to all mentions of the Council of Chapters, and all were in favor.

**X.** COL Iggi Husar referred to (**slides 14-20**) explaining the status of the goals and objectives of advocacy and membership growth. We are moving forward on two bills. If anyone is not familiar with these, go to the website. He explained the tracking of bills in North Carolina versus advocating for bills at the national level. COL Jeri Graham expressed concern that the report shows only two of 13 Representatives have been contacted but actually has been more. That was as of the report date from chapters, and may

be more now. She also added that the crossover date has passed but there is still an opportunity to be heard.

**XI.** Membership and Retention was reported by Lt. Col. Ed Brown (**slides 24-29**) stressing the incentives for chapters that add members and for increase in national MOAA memberships. Corrections to slide 25 under the second Goal is that we actually have 37 members who are non-National members (instead of 39) thus we have reclaimed 49 members. We have picked up five more new members since 30 April so we are now at 70 new members. Slides 27 and 28 refer to national incentives.

**XII.** The new feature of breakout rooms was introduced by COL Iggi Husar. (**slide 30**) The purpose is to have a dialogue over successes and challenges of activities and goals of chapters. We are looking for feedback from Chapter presidents regarding the Chapter Assessment document. They will not be shared as a physical document so they do not have to be submitted. All were assigned to a breakout room for approximately 20 minutes to discuss chapter health. CAPT Doug Ehrhardt explained how to go to your breakout room.

**XIII.** Reports from each breakout room included: (**slides 31-45**)

- A Meet and Greet in person where the chapter buys the hors d'oeuvres and people attending buy their own drinks (Western Chapter)
- Education and training (especially membership chairs) on the new CM and on Excel (Jeri Graham)

**XIV.** Refer to (**slides 46-47**) for Dates and Events.

- How many chapters have not applied for the USAA sponsorship grant of \$300? The Council received a \$600 grant.

**XV. Announcements**

- There is now a Virtual Chapter for Military Chaplains.
- Mark your calendars for 17-18 September 2021 for the National MOAA Leaders Workshop in Raleigh.
- NCCOC Annual Meeting will be 13 November 2021.

The meeting adjourned at 1254 hours.

Sue Harris, Secretary