



## Minutes of the 8 January 2022 NCCOC Quarterly Meeting

The Virtual Quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Council of Chapters was held via Zoom on Saturday, 8 January 2022. President CW4 Jay Garbus called the meeting to order at 0830 hours. Lay Chaplain LTC Ed Grant led us in the invocation. We recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America. Jay welcomed everyone, especially the new Sandhills Chapter president COL Walt Havenstein and Lt. Col. Greg Chase, the new president of Tarheel Chapter. Col. Ken Hillman was welcomed as the new Treasurer of the Council with CAPT Mike Covell assuming the duties of Assistant Treasurer.

Attendance:

### Council Officers

President	CW4 (Ret) Garbus, Jay
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.	CDR (Ret) Klassen, Ken
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.	LCDR (Ret) Samdvigen, Mark
Secretary	Harris, Sue (SOM)
Treasurer	Col. (Ret) Hillman, Ken
Ass't Treasurer	CAPT (Ret) Covell, Mike
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Dr. Wersel, Vivianne
Personal Affairs Officer	CAPT (Ret) Lee, David
Council Website Manager	CAPT (Ret) Ehrhardt, Doug
Health and Welfare	MAJ (Ret) Leon Rooks
Lay Chaplain	LTC (Ret) Ed Grant
Council Past Pres.	COL (Ret) Brumit, Jim
Council Past Pres.	COL (Ret) Graham, Jeri

### Chapter Presidents

NC01	Cape Fear	COL (Ret) Underwood, Rich
NC02	Coastal	CAPT (Ret) Ramian, Randall
NC04	Charlotte-Metrolina	LTC (Ret) Anderson, Joe
NC06	Sandhills	COL (Ret) Havenstein, Walt- rep. by COL (Ret) Iggi Husar after he left.
NC07	SENCLand	Col. (Ret) Irrera, Joe-represented by ??? Al Shroetel
NC08	Tarheel	CDR (Ret) Zuhr, Ken
NC09	Triangle	COL (Ret) Segal, Herb-absent
NC10	Western	Capt. (Fmr) Culp, Donna
NC11	Catawba Valley	LTC (Ret) Davenport, Davy
NC14	Piedmont	Maj. (Ret) Corning, Aimee-absent
NC 17	First in Flight	LCDR (Ret) DelGarbino, Al-absent

NC 20	Central	LTC (Ret) Applewhite, Gary-represented by CAPT (Ret) David Lee
NC21	High Country	Capt. (Fmr) May, Doug
NC22	New River	LCDR (Ret)Tucker, Steve

**A quorum was present.**

**A.** CAPT David Lee suggested that we hold at least one quarterly meeting a year in-person. It was agreed that we should hold it in conjunction with the September national leadership training session in Raleigh.

**B.** Approval of 13 November 2021 Quarterly Council Minutes: COL Jeri Graham asked that mention of the spouses' session as well as the handout and attendance be included in the minutes. **CAPT Randall Ramian made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected.** Capt. Doug May seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

**C.** Treasurer's Report: This report will be given when the budget is discussed

**D.** President's Update: ( see *2022-2023 North Carolina Council of Chapters Objectives*) Jay led a discussion on the green streamers as incentives for retention and increased membership. CAPT David Lee and COL Jim Brumit have some streamers and they will be ready by the next Quarterly meeting. We now have a Personal Affairs Officer, CAPT David Lee and a Health and Welfare Officer, MAJ Leon Rooks. Both of them are under Dr. Vivianne Wersel and will help her out as Surviving Spouse Liaison. CW4 Jay Garbus has started a newsletter and you should have received two issues. They will come out after each Quarterly meeting. He has submitted applications for the Marvin J Harris Communication Award for the website and the newsletter. Jim Brumit will submit the LOE award application forms for 2021.

**E.** Membership: CDR Ken Klassen reported that most chapters have an improvement in membership. (See printout) More effort is needed to encourage members to be national MOAA members. National membership is a requirement. CDR Ken Zuhr stated that he would rather see the elimination of the council incentive instead of a dues increase. A member must have an email address in order to be a national member of MOAA. Capt. Donna Culp led a demonstration and training for the Committee Module with some tips contributed by CAPT Doug Ehrhardt.

**F.** Legislative Action: LCDR Mark Sandvigen stated that a lot was accomplished in 2021, and he has contacted the state defense office and national MOAA directly. Legislative goals are undefined because of the debt ceiling and concerns about re-election campaigns. These hinder Advocacy in Action which would normally be in April/May. We have to choose what affects NC or our members, such as toxic exposure, to place an emphasis on moving North Carolina from 26<sup>th</sup> to the top 10 in military friendly states. Mark is encouraging everyone to get active at the county level (local issues), with several veterans organizations, not just MOAA. Emails to legislators are not as effective as phone calls. Chapter legislative chairs should be involved

**Return to - C.** Treasurer's Report and Budget presentation: CAPT Mike Covell reported that we are healthy financially (see *Statement of Financial Position*). CDR Ken Zuhr moved to approve the treasurer's

report. It was seconded and passed. Refer to *(2022 Budget Revised and 2022 Budget (R) vs Actual)* After a lengthy discussion about the amount in savings, the proposed raise in per member dues to Council, the omission of a donation to the USO and new member incentives back to chapters, **CAPT Doug Ehrhardt made a motion that the dues structure remain at \$1.50.** It was seconded by Ken Zuhr and passed by a voice vote. COL Jim Brumit asked for division, and the secretary called the roll of voting members. The motion passed by a vote of 13 to 1. **Doug Ehrhardt made a motion to table the budget.** It was seconded and passed. The budget issue is tabled and the financial committee will meet again to consider the new income amount. Dues invoices will be sent out and incentive money earned last year will be distributed.

**H. Surviving Spouse/Personal Affairs/Welfare:** Vivianne's goals and objectives are on the website.

**I. Chaplain's Corner:** LTC Ed Grant has been talking with Leon and developing ideas. They propose having newsletter space for requests for prayers, deaths, life events and personal news from chapter presidents.

**J. Council Website Manager Update:** CAPT Doug Ehrhardt emphasized that the website should be the definitive source of information that drives the Council. He reminded everyone that a slide deck is not needed for our meetings, but supporting documents can be sent to Doug to post on the website.

**Return to - G. Chapter Sharing:**

- (NC02) Cape Fear - They conducted a successful Toys for Tots drive for the local Marine Corps.
- (NC04) Charlotte - Metrolina - Lt Gen Walter Gaskin will be the speaker at their virtual meeting on January 16<sup>th</sup> and all chapter presidents are invited. He will be addressing HB 83 and certain benefits for North Carolina in that bill.
- (NC06) Sandhills - Their next chapter meeting is a luncheon meeting on January 18<sup>th</sup> to install officers.
- (NC07) SENCLand - They have been using the CM and the NRT and feel that they are very useful tools and encourage all to use them.
- (NC08) Tarheel - The chapter will be meeting on Tuesday to install new officers.
- (NC10) Western - They installed new officers in November, updated the bylaws and MOU's for the chapter. They held their second Holiday Drive Through event for donations to the VA Medical Center, collecting more than last year. They are encouraging spouses to be more involved and to network.
- (NC11) Catawba Valley - They had a speaker from national MOAA at their December meeting. Vivianne Wersel will be the speaker at their dinner meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup>.
- (NC20) Central - They donated twelve (12) \$300 gift cards to families of disabled veterans for Christmas. The families are identified by the VA Medical Center.
- (NC21) High Country - They are planning a joint meeting with New River with a representative from National.

- (NC22) New River - They applied for next year USAA grant for veterans in need to be more involved in the community. They gave twenty (20) \$50 grocery gift cards and paid for two roof repairs for veterans in need with information from the VA representative in the county.

**K. Old Business/New Business:**

- The Council purchased Zoom for a year.
- With the Council website on the Jay's screen, CAPT Doug Ehrhardt demonstrated how to find information and submit reports.
- Chapter Reports (Second semester) are due now.
- COL Jeri Graham invited all to the Nurses Virtual Chapter Meeting on January 18 at 7:30. The speaker is COL (Ret) Claude Schmid who founded the Veteran's Last Patrol, volunteers to be with veterans in hospice. Jeri will send an email with details to sign up for the meeting.

**L. Dates and events: Are all on the WEBSITE!**

**M. Adjournment: Jay asked "What can council do for you to help you out?"**

Capt. **Doug May made a motion to adjourn.** COL Iggi Husar seconded it and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.

Sue Harris, Secretary