



Minutes of the 13 November 2021 NCCOC Quarterly Meeting

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

- I. The Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Council of Chapters was held in person at the Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center in Winston-Salem on Saturday, 13 November 2021. President COL Jim Brumit welcomed everyone. He introduced LTG (R) Jim Pasquarette who will be joining Sandhills Chapter.
- II. The meeting was called to order by Council President COL Jim Brumit at 0830 hours.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America was led by President Brumit.
- IV. LTC Ed Grant gave the invocation.
- V. Attendance:

Council Officers

President	COL (R) Brumit, Jim
1 st Vice Pres.	COL (R) Husar, Iggi-Absent
2 nd Vice Pres.	Lt. Col. (R) Brown, Ed
Secretary	Harris, Sue
Treasurer	CAPT (R) Covell, Mike-Absent
Ass't Treasurer	LTC (R) Pomponio, Mike-Absent
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Dr. Wersel, Vivianne-Absent
Council Immed. Past Pres.	CAPT (R) Lee, David
Council Past Pres./Webmaster	CAPT (R) Ehrhardt, Doug-Absent
Council Past Pres.	COL (R) Graham, Jeri

Chapter Presidents

NC01 Cape Fear	COL (R) Underwood, Rich-Absent
NC02 Coastal	CAPT (R) Ramian, Randall
NC04 Charlotte-Metrolina	LTC (R) Anderson, Joe
NC06 Sandhills	Lt. Col. (R) Croucher, Drew-Absent
NC07 SENCLand	Col. (R) Irrera, Joe
NC08 Tarheel	CDR (R) Zuhr, Ken
NC09 Triangle	COL (R) Segal, Herb
NC10 Western	Capt. (Fmr) Culp, Donna
NC11 Catawba Valley	LTC (R) Davenport, Davy-represented by COL Dana Tucker
NC14 Piedmont	Maj. (R) Corning, Aimee-Absent
NC 17 First in Flight	LCDR (R) DelGarbino, Al-Absent
NC 20 Central	LTC (R) Applewhite, Gary
NC21 High Country	Capt. (Fmr) May, Doug
NC22 New River	LCDR (R)Tucker, Steve-Absent
Coast Guard Eliz. City Satellite	LCDR Sardone, Amanda-Absent

A quorum was present.

VI. Approval of 18 September 2021 Quarterly Council Minutes: **COL Herb Segal made a motion to approve the minutes.** LTC Joe Anderson seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

VII. Treasurer's Report: COL Jim Brumit presented the Proposed Budget with actual expenses (**slides 02 and 03**) The finance committee has considered raising the per capita dues to increase revenue. Changes to the New Member Incentives may be made in the future. The new board will review the budget. **Capt. Doug May moved to accept the budget.** CAPT David Lee seconded it and it passed with one opposed. COL Dana Tucker asked what would cover the deficit we face. President Brumit replied that we have \$15,000 with no restrictions on how it is to be spent that can be used for that. We only have \$500 that is restricted for use for establishing satellites.

VIII. COL Brumit reported on Advocacy In Action, the team of eight members had three priorities at the Federal (National) Level. All Representatives were contacted this year because of Virtual contact. At the State Level, we are still Yellow but our aim is to achieve Green status. Tax relief for retirees would be a significant step toward that goal (**slides 04-08**). CDR Ken Zuhr asked that we use the term "Retirees" instead of "Veterans" for our goals. DSLO achievements include transfer of professional certification in North Carolina from other states within a short window of time.

IX Lt. Col. Ed Brown reported on membership goals, incentives and achievements, referring to **slides 09-15**. Membership goals have been met and with much progress toward meeting them. They are detailed on the slides. CDR Ken Zuhr asked about the new requirement in the National Bylaws that a new chapter must have 100% national members. CAPT Jim Carman, Vice President of Council/Member Chapter Support National MOAA said that they are not able to enforce that. Ken observed that chapters can have shadow members, such as honorary members who are not on the Committee Module. COL Jim Brumit added that we have made great strides in membership growth during the pandemic despite some chapters scrubbing their membership list. He pointed out that in 2020, First in Flight met 25% of their membership goal and Coastal exceeded the 25% recruiting goal. Membership is trending upward but our membership is down drastically from 15 years ago. COL Dana Tucker asked if there is cross-talk with other military groups such as the American Legion, VFW, etc. LTC Joe Anderson said there is collaboration at the chapter level for local activities but nothing at the state level. COL Herb Segal said that Triangle Chapter has partnered with the National Guard. Jim Brumit referenced transition packages/literature for people leaving military service as possible information about MOAA. Most bases will not allow MOAA because they are concerned about the lobbying aspect of MOAA. Jim Carman said that an association like ours can provide career advice or disability claim assistance on base. He suggested starting with the base commander for permission to be on the base. We are on solid ground being on base per the Secretary of Defense office. Other potential MOAA members are graduating senior ROTC members. LCDR Mark Sandvigen suggested setting up satellite chapters on college campuses. Jim Brumit said that is possible but up to the local chapter. He will be working on setting up satellites in 2022, holding Meet and Greets and sending cards from National. There is one strong

satellite in Goldsboro thanks to efforts of CAPT Randall Ramian and Coastal Chapter. Keep in mind that a satellite is for future growth as a chapter; it is not for a dying chapter. Satellites only need a Chair and Vice Chair and are solely subject to the Chapter. A Memorandum of Understanding spells out the relationship between the Chapter and the Satellite. Examine your CM and NRT as they sometimes have errors. Jim Brumit suggests that members who are not coming to meetings be called. It was noted that Surviving Spouses are Full Members of MOAA and can hold any office. CDR Ken Zuhr asked if there are any materials for a surviving spouse if retiree was not a Life Member. The answer is No. Capt. Donna Culp stated that spouses need to be on the CM. CDR Zuhr suggested a separate line for the spouse with a link to the member. LTC Joe Anderson stated that a Surviving Spouse must be a paying member to be an officer. A Surviving Spouse is not required to pay dues per some chapter Bylaws. The Chapter decides who pays dues. COL Ed Baisden noted that a Surviving Spouse can join later, even if the retiree never joined MOAA but was eligible to join. To update information on the CM one must send an email to National and they will make the changes. We cannot do it directly. Herb Segal would like to see MOAA migrate to text communication from emails.

X. (Slides 16-19) The slides are self explanatory with the following comments. CDR Ken Zuhr suggested that the title be changed from Liaison to Representative since they are full members. The Council Surviving Spouse Liaison should copy Chapter presidents on all emails to the Chapter SSL's. The label of "transfer of membership" for surviving spouses should be changed to "establish membership" and remove the term "auxiliary" from all chapter bylaws since we do not have an auxiliary now. Col. Joe Irrera noted that the council SSL contacted all member surviving spouses and bypassed the Chapter SSL which is concerning. LTC Joe Anderson stated that communication should go through the Chapter president *and* the Chapter SSL to individual surviving spouses. Ken Zuhr said the communication should be in parallel with Chapter presidents and liaisons.

XI. CAPT (Ret) Jim Carman, Vice President of Council/Member Chapter Support, MOAA was introduced as the guest speaker. Slides which accompanied his talk are on the www.moaa-nc.org website, then click tab Meetings(Archive)

XII. Awards were presented to members for exceptional service to the council and LOEs to chapters not present in Washington. Thank you gifts were also presented to Board Members by COL Jim Brumit.

XIII. The 2022-2024 officers were installed by CAPT Jim Carman. COL Jim Brumit accepted a gift and Past President's pin. A Council President's pin was given to incoming president CW4 Jay Garbus.

The meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.

Sue Harris, Secretary