

Minutes of the 9 February 2023 NCCOC Board Meeting

The Monthly Board Meeting of the NC Council of Chapters was held via Zoom on 9 February, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 by President CW4 Jay Garbus, USA (Ret). Attendance was taken visually and 21 were present, including representation for 11 Chapters. A quorum was present.

LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret) made a motion to accept the minutes as emailed. CAPT Randall Ramian, USN (Ret) seconded it and it passed.

Treasurer Col. Ken Hillman, USMC (Ret) reported on bank balances and that 12 of the 14 chapters have paid their semi-annual dues. The Council is still waiting for travel reimbursements from National MOAA and stipends for virtual meetings. Payments have been made to the travel agency for the Veterans Day Cruise.

Jay announced that the LOE applications are now due to him by April 1st, not as stated in the agenda. They must be received by National by May 1st.

The October 5th meeting will be the Quarterly meeting with election of officers because of the November meeting being on the cruise.

LTC Joe Anderson, USA (Ret) invited all to Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter's 50th Anniversary dinner on April 6th. Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret) will be the speaker. RSVPs due by March 23rd.

1st Vice President CDR Ken Klassen, USN (Ret) reported on Membership. Slides are on the Council website.

- Use the new membership form please
- 1350-1355 members according to National MOAA
- National MOAA membership is IMPORTANT - please fill this in
- Fill in Honorary membership, even if it is zero
- We have four satellites now

Lake Norman satellite is no longer in existence according to LTC Joe Anderson, USA (Ret). COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret) said to send documentation if a satellite is inactive. Capt. Donna Culp, USAF (Fmr) has done that for Black Mountain Satellite but the form from National was only for a chapter, not a satellite. Jim will show her how to report a satellite disbanding. Satellite still shows on the CM. Ken will get involved with this.

- No dues have been received from Catawba Chapter or Coastal Chapter.

- First Flight Chapter membership number includes the 20 members of the satellite. Chapter membership is 18 now.
- Semi-annual reports are still due from Tarheel, Triangle, Piedmont, Catawba and First Flight Chapters.

The online store for cruise apparel is open now. Go to www.queensboro.com to see what is available. Only a few cabins are still available, so if you are interested, sign up soon. Frankie Groff needs information on the cruise.

CAPT Doug Ehrhardt, USN (Ret) is resigning as website manager. LT Tracy Young, USA (Ret) from Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter will be taking over those duties at the end of the 1st Quarter.

LCDR Mark Sandvigen, USN (Ret) reported on Advocacy.

- Will push the Richard Star Act again
- NC had 100% contact with representatives and all except 2 supported the Star Act
- Donna Culp, Vivienne Wersel and Mark Sandvigen will represent NC for AiA on April 24th in DC.
- Can meet in person or virtually, then report to MOAA on contacts.
- Vivienne said people will be bused to Capitol Hill and will have talking points prepared
- Joe Anderson said that Congressman Alma Adams will be at the 50th anniversary dinner. Ken will try and talk with her there.

Dr. Vivienne Wersel reported on her Surviving Spouse goals for this year and for the new year.

- Started a quarterly newsletter last year
- This year, beginning in June, will have a quarterly zoom meeting with Chapter SSL leaders to provide information and to establish standardization.
- She needs contact information on all Chapter SSL leaders
- Focus will be on the Pact Act and what Surviving Spouses need to know about new benefits for them.

COL Jim Brumit, USA (Ret) reported that growth of satellites is moving along with Meet and Greets already scheduled. This will increase Chapter membership. Mark Sandvigen asked about ROTC cadets being members of MOAA and establishing a satellite at ECU. Jim Brumit replied that they cannot be a member of MOAA until they are an officer. They can receive information about MOAA when they graduated college. There are 29 ROTC units in NC.

Doug Ehrhardt stated that

- He has received First Flight's and Catawba's semi-annual reports and they are posted on the website.
- Reminder to use the new format please.
- Only Chapter presidents' contact information is posted in the 'backroom' of the website. Other officers' information is not.

COL Rich Underwood, USA (Ret) attends college graduations and NC OCS at Fort Bragg to offer membership in MOAA Chapter.

Adjournment was moved by Doug Ehrhardt and seconded by MAJ Leon Rooks, USAR (Ret). The meeting adjourned at 11:05