

Military Officers Association of America  
North Carolina Council of Chapters

Minutes of the Fourth Quarter 2012 Meeting  
Held November 2-3 at Greensboro, NC

President Garman called the meeting to order at 0830 and welcomed everyone. (See attachments 1 and 2) He thanked the Greensboro Chapter for the outstanding setup and for the dinner.

President Garman called on LTC Chris Canipe to provide the invocation.

President Garman then called on Maj Corning to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Petty called the Roll and only 1 chapter was absent. He then stated that the minutes were on the web site. A few said they couldn't see them, and there was some concern about approving minutes that couldn't be seen, so Vice President Ehrhardt pulled them up on the web site and projected them on the screen. Only one change was made. The dates for the January meeting were changed from 18-19 to 25 & 26. The minutes were approved with that one change.

Treasurer Overman presented the Treasurer's Report. (See attachment 3) Also covered was the proposed budget for 2013. There won't be an expenditure to The 4<sup>th</sup> Branch of \$500 until the receipt of dues. (See attachment 4) The budget was approved.

CAPT Ehrhardt discussed some general topics concerning web sites. He then went on to discuss the Council Business portion of the Council's web site. Following that, he went on to review the new web site and what can be done for the council and what chapters can do to improve their web sites. Lastly, he discussed the new program he quickly briefed at the last meeting and that was "MOAA Connect". He demonstrated how to log in and use the system. National asked us to participate as a test bed. Everything was front loaded minus pictures and bio information. He stated that why do we need to add all this info to another site, to show someone on the west coast our info, when in fact we can do this for our council web site. He went on to cover more of the "Connect" process and it was stated that this is like "Face Book" for MOAA. Also, emails are not available on Connect unless added by an individual. This proposed program has not been formalized yet and may be rolled out in January. (See item # 121101 in the Council Business page)

COL Graham covered the Give Me Ten (GMT) report for Oct in two formats; the regular spread sheet and one using colors that indicate data entered for 2 quarters. (See attachments 4 and 5) There was some open discussion about GMT and what some chapters are experiencing with regard to reporting and other issues. COL Graham then went on to state that GMT will be replaced in 2013 with a new reporting system that will still provide money to chapters based on several reporting criteria. (See Council Business page for Chapter Reporting 2013. COL Graham proceeded with a power point

presentation on “Adapting the Balanced Scorecard”. She also recommended a book that chapters could get. (See attachment 6) Lastly, there was a brainstorming session on getting words out on what we are as an organization; Chapter or Council.

President Garman then covered Ongoing Actions. First, was the Oct cover wrap for those non-chapter members, which gave that member an opportunity for free membership in a chapter. All they had to do was send in the card and MOAA would send back that information to the chapter and then the chapter has a potential member. He went on to state that in January 2013 there will be 3 classes of membership. If under age 35 a person can belong to National MOAA free, but you’ll only get an email and the magazine online. If you want additional information you’ll have to move up to the Premium Class and pay. The third class is Life Member. He stated that there are only 44 people signed up for the Convention at Sea and that is not good.

Next, Sr. Advisor, CAPT Ira Schwarz USN provided a very detailed historical summary on the Bailey-Patton Settlement. (See Council Business – Chronology of Litigation & Legislation) He also provided a detailed brief on the forming of the Federal Retiree Task Force.

Next, COL Fred Black voiced an appraisal for CAPT Ira Schwarz for the Bailey-Patton Settlement. There is no one that we are more obligated to for where we are on that issue than CAPT Ira Schwarz. He literally put his life on hold while working this issue. Following that, he provided a detailed brief on “The 4<sup>th</sup> Branch”. (See Council Business – The 4<sup>th</sup> Branch, History & Background) He did include a detailed brief on what The 4<sup>th</sup> Branch can and can’t do as an organization and the purpose of the organization.

CAPT Maries Senzig, President of the Coastal Carolina Chapter, present the information on the 1<sup>st</sup> QTR meeting at MCAS Cherry Point 25 and 26 January.

President Garman adjourned the meeting at 1144.

LTC Robert T. Garman, USA (Ret)  
President

LtCol Leslie B. Petty, USMC (Ret)  
Secretary

Attachments: