

Military Officers Association of America
North Carolina Council of Chapters

Minutes of the 4th Quarter 2013 Meeting
Held October 25 – 26 at Fort Fisher, NC

President Garman called the meeting to order at 0900. He welcomed everyone and thanked the SENCLAND Chapter for the wonderful meal and the accommodations. (See web site for the Welcome letter and the Agenda.)

President Garman then called on the SENCLAND Chapter for the invocation and to lead us in the pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Petty called the roll and 5 Chapters were absent. He then requested that the minutes be viewed from the web site. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be approved. A vote was made and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer Overman presented the Treasurer's Report. President Garman then discussed the proposed budget for 2014. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. A vote was made and the budget was approved.

President Garman then introduced the guest speaker, CAPT John Plehal, who is the Director of Membership and Marketing for National MOAA.

The CAPT provided a sneak preview of a MOAA movie about MOAA and what it has for its members. It showed that there is a lot going on within MOAA and a lot are appreciated. He talked at length about the status of membership and that the numbers are somewhat stable. He did state that life members have been slowly increasing. He also stated that chapter membership has declined from 70,000 ten years ago to 57,000 currently. He went on to discuss the three levels of membership under the new program. Next was some open discussion concerning auxiliary members.

He then went on to discuss some of the legislative issues. One of the main issues concerned past and present pay funding or the lack thereof. Also discussed was the recent budget issues. (The power point presentation is available on the council's web site.)

Following the break, Vice President Ehrhardt provided some very good information on spread sheets and he will help any chapter if needed.

Next, President Garman proposed that the council vote on the By-Law changes as a single vote. It was voted unanimously that the changes be approved. The changes need to be sent to Nat'l.

Next, Maj Bill Culler provided information on mailing newsletters. It was very informative and provided attendees information on how his chapter provides mailed newsletters using an outside source.

Next on the Agenda was the election of 2 new Vice President's; CAPT David Lee as 2nd Vice President and COL Harley Ellinger as 3rd Vice President.

Following the election, COL Joe Cansler provided information on the Bailey-Patton extension and those who will be affected in 2014.

CAPT Plehal then installed the new officers to include COL Jeri Graham as the new President.

COL Graham then made several observations that the Council will be looking into in the future.

LTC Gary Marlar, President of the Sandhills Chapter, presented information on the 1st Quarter Council meeting 17 and 18 January in Pinehurst, NC.

The meeting was adjourned at 1140.

COL Jeri Graham, USA (Ret)
President

LtCol Les Petty, USMC (Ret)
Secretary