

Military Officers Association of America

North Carolina

Teleconference NCCOC

24 June 2014

Meeting called to order by President Jeri Graham at 2000.

All chapters were represented with the exceptions of Eastern Carolina, Tarheel Central, Triangle, Lloyd A. Osborne Piedmont and First in Freedom. Bob Penny from the Triangle Chapter was present to explain the JROC Instructor Award Program only. Others attending were Jim Brumit and Ken Klassen from the Southeastern Carolina Chapter and both represented the chapter. John Stewart was also in attendance. Jeri Graham, Ed Baisden and Carol Aljets were also present on line.

Doug Ehrhardt moved that the minutes from the last meeting on 17 May held in Durham, NC be accepted as written with a second from Harley Ellinger. The minutes were approved.

Ed Baisden reported that the balance brought forward on 17 May 2014 was \$8,649.78. A check was written to Durham-Orange Chapter for Council Meeting which included "Boot Camp." ON 31 May 2014 a check was sent to Jeri Graham for miscellaneous "Boot Camp" expenses. This brings the current balance to \$7,999.04.

Ed Baisden has created a new expenditure form which should be a better way to tie a receipt and the document(s) for expenditure(s). He will still continue taking email submissions and fill out the form for his own use. It is just a new way to help the treasurer do business. Doug Ehrhardt explained the form can be filled out on a computer and by selecting "file" on the Adobe menu. It is a good practice of making yourself as the sender a CC addressee also. (Note: Ed is doing better after his surgery and was obviously home for this meeting.)

Jeri Graham sent a thank you note to Larry Rosenberger, from USAA, for the council and chapter grant funds. She expressed an appreciation for them being available and hopes that other chapters will continue to seek funds in the future. Graham also had an interview with Kris Hegle, from MOAA, concerning "Boot Camp" and we should be looking for an article to be published.

The legislative webinar report was given by Harley Ellinger. Nothing in writing was submitted for the conference call. Ellinger could not attend an on line seminar with Col. Hayden. He did read the report and much of it was included in his presentation at the January and May meetings. Ellinger reported that the effectiveness of MOAA lobbying is only 73% at this time. He spoke about how important legislation knowledge is in order to keep benefits from declining for all the military. He did state that at the President's Symposium in Jacksonville, FL, there will be a powerful presentation on this issue and everyone who can should attend.

Ellinger stated that there is need to make an effort to get the email addresses from every individual who is a member of a chapter. This will also include Council members. This would enable those in legislative affairs to send out legislative drafts and/or legislative programs to all active MOAA members in the state.

Ellinger sent guidelines for every Legislative Chapter Chair to Graham. This information would more clearly outline what is expected from those in this position.

Graham stated that she and Ellinger had a good time on Legislative Day and supports attendance as a good opportunity to learn more about legislative issues in the state. It would be beneficial for both the council and chapters. We need to let the state know who we are and what we are doing. Visibility is a key objective.

Bob Penny was present in order to provide more information on the JROTC Instructor of the Year implementation. The implementation of this program was voted on at the 24 May meeting and it was agreed that it should be done. The final copy was sent to Graham and will be sent out to others soon. The plan is to kick off in October and run through March.

There was a discussion regarding the reward at both the council and chapter level. One item that has been developed is a certificate but many members would want something more especially for the council winner. There was a discussion of using USAA funds for a monetary reward for a chapter winner. David Lee suggested that we start out slowly and see how we can grow the reward. Graham asked for ideas for gifts from chapters which will be shared with the state. She also said that she will send the updated proposal from Penny with proposed certificate, a power point template, to everyone for their review and approval. Graham stated that the Council will have a committee to help with issues by the August quarterly meeting. There was no final decision at this time.

Ellinger questioned the timeline currently proposed since some school districts such as Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools close early. Penny stated that if a 15 April deadline for applications was done; then a final decision should be made by 20 April. This will allow for the award to be presented by 1 May. Information from the fall and spring semesters are needed to see what the instructor has accomplished.

Lee spoke about the 3rd Quarter meeting in Salisbury. Loebli is the point of contact for this meeting. Currently only 15 people have reservations and the deadline is 15 July. Knapp asked why he had not seen information yet. Ehrhardt told him that all information and forms are on the state website at the calendar page. The speaker for this meeting will be Major General Cornell Wilson from the governor's office.

The 4th Quarter meeting will be hosted by the Triangle Chapter in Raleigh. Loving was not on line but Penny, who is a member of the chapter, answered questions as best as he could. He believes that the meeting will be held near the Crabtree Valley Mall. The chapter is working on other details. These details include dining and meeting rooms along with the speaker and an exact date. The point of contact is Gene Lock. Ehrhardt asked that the chapter get their information to him so he can make it available on the website.

Details for the State Convention for 2016 were given by Graham. After doing extensive research on mountain sites, she decided that the best deal was the High Hampton Inn in Cashiers. DeGarbino said that what he had read on it looked great. There were no dissenting voices and Culler and Aljets voiced their liking of the idea.

There was a discussion about whether we should make the date during the week or on the weekend since weekends cost more. Brudzinski recommended a weekend for those that cannot get away from

work. The cost difference is small. Graham will check for dates in May and June but will avoid Memorial Day.

The meeting is for all MOAA members, especially those who are in chapters. We will probably have funds left over from "Boot Camp" funds and these can be used for council business. The retreat is not just for socialization but also for some council business. Culler recommends we get the information into all chapter newsletter, websites and any other method chapters may use to get out news of what the chapter is doing.

Klassen needs information on the President's Symposium. Graham told him that all information had been sent out using the post office and not on a website. Letters had already been sent to Council and Chapter invitees. These invites include the President, 1st Vice President, Membership Chair and one Legislative Chair. There are no substitutions authorized for the position of legislative chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 2047 by President Graham.

Very respectfully submitted by:

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Secretary

Jeri Graham

President