

North Carolina Council of Chapters
3rd Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting

12 August 2016

The Executive Committee meeting on 12 August 2016 was called to order by President Doug Ehrhardt at 1600 at Meadowbrook Inn Suites in Blowing Rock, NC. He determined that there was a quorum at this time. Doug gave out new name tags with the new MOAA Logo including those individuals who did not have them in the past. Everyone in attendance received their new name tags. He will be giving out the remaining name tags to those not at the meeting when possible.

President Ehrhardt gave the committee a list of his activities for both MOAA and other military activities in April, May and June. He attended both the 2nd Quarterly Meeting in Kitty Hawk, NC, and the 4th Branch Quarterly Meeting in Raleigh, NC. He Stormed the Hill in Washington, DC, with other state presidents of their Council of Chapters. Every month he takes on the task of driving the DAV Van for his area to the VA hospital in Johnson City, TN.

Then in May, he attended three chapter monthly meetings, Central Carolina, Triangle, and Osborne Piedmont. He participated in the New River Marathon by manning a water station and the New River Chapter Marathon Jam. He also attended Legislative Day and NCVC Meeting both in Raleigh. In June he led a NC COC teleconference.

Doug introduced COL Cheri Zadlo, USAF- Ret. who will be speaking at the meeting tomorrow morning. She joined the MOAA Marketing and Member Services Team in March of 2011.

The 4th Branch and Engage have currently joined with Justin DeLancey of Greer Beaty and Associates with a seven month contract. There had been some worry about Engage and this seems to be beneficial for them in getting information out concerning state related bills and information. They are experts at social media.

LTC Gary Marlar has done an excellent job researching possible sites for the 2017 State Convention planning. He has looked into cruises leaving out of Baltimore and the land sites of Charleston, Savannah and Williamsburg. We will vote at the meeting tomorrow. Jeri suggested that we invite other chapters from the Southeast Region.

COL Harley Ellinger had information on the national scene concerning the four issues that MOAA has given to North Carolina's Congressional Delegation through MOAA Chapter Representatives. The Secretary of Defense has asked for President Obama to veto all four issues. At this time Harley has explained that there are military individuals hitting a glass ceiling of six figure salaries.

Due to the work of COL Jeri Graham and COL Ed Baisden acting as the Rapid Response Team, they have worked with state legislators to get bills out of committee and passed. They learned

that we cannot totally depend on Ken Melton since personal contact with legislators is very important, but hard to accomplish for those not living in the Raleigh area. Jeri wants the 4th Branch to open up a window to include others.

Ira Schwartz wants to close down the Federal Retiree Task Force and distribute the money to Federal Groups. The amount to be distributed is \$490,000. The 4th Branch was the last branch to get money since it represents everyone in the government including teachers. Joe Long may help with this.

Gene Boyce is the lawyer who over a seven year period won in court cases 9 times and the 10th time got the General Assembly to settle the Bailey-Patton decision. This cost the State of North Carolina \$1.5 billion. He set up this money with Ira Schwartz. On our side of the table for MOAA was Vern Pike and Joe Long.

The first vice president, Captain David Lee brought up membership rewards. The Council finally received \$250 for chapter memberships which were new. David said he was available to come to any chapter meeting and talk about membership and how to make it grow. MOAA has an eight minute video which may be beneficial for membership.

The NC COC is working with LT Gloria Schaberg at Eastern Carolina, NC 03, to aid in keeping the chapter active. Contacts with Seymour Johnson Air Force Base to see if they can help in any way.

Currently North Carolina has eleven of its sixteen chapters reaching a level of excellence. Doug believes that all 16 chapters can reach this level in the next couple of years.

There were no last thoughts and the meeting was adjourned at 1700 so attendees could get ready for the dinner.

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Ehrhardt

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President

Secretary