

North Carolina Council of Chapters
4th Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting

11 November 2016

The Executive Committee meeting on 11 November 2016 was called to order by President Doug Ehrhardt at 1600 in The Crowne Plaza Hotel in Hickory, NC. After roll call by Secretary Carol Aljets, he determined that there was sufficient attendance for a quorum at this time.

President Ehrhardt gave the committee a list of his activities for both MOAA and other military activities during the past quarter. Included in these activities, he attended his first 4th Branch Meeting and along with David Lee attended an informal chapter rescue for the Eastern Carolina Chapter in Goldsboro, NC. There were 40 members in attendance and the main problem seems to be getting chapter officers as those who have had these positions are worn out and the chapter needed some new blood at these positions.

Doug and others met with the Federal Retiree Task Force at the home of Ira Schwarz. They have funds that need to be handed over to the 4th Branch and there is still a lot more work to be done.

Correspondence from Barry Wright, who is retiring in January 2017, announced that MOAA National will not be paying for the Gold Bars for ROTC nor medals for the JROTC presentations. This will be discussed further tomorrow with the chapter presidents.

Jeri Graham is now on the Board of Directors of MOAA for the period 2016 to 2022. She becomes North Carolina's first member of said board. There have been a number of changes that have occurred with the advent of a new President, Dana Adkins, and Jeri went over some of these changes:

- MOAA has conducted what is called a Bottom Up Review where they went to the field first in determining the items impacting MOAA's budget. We can expect big changes as MOAA is in the red financially and they are now trying to correct. Amongst areas seeing cuts were a couple of items of concern to COC chapters, paying for awards and medals for the JROTC program and the Gold Bar program for ROTC cadets. There are number of other areas that will be identified later.
- The organization has been a stove pipe/silo approach where one area was unaware of what the others were doing and there are 50 programs MOAA is working. Mike Rogers, Director of Strategic Analysis, will be working on a change of the approach.
- There have been a number of personal changes in the Council and Chapter (C&C) Department structure:
 - Director of Council and Chapters, Col Barry Wright will be retiring in January 2017 and is being replaced by Vice President, CAPT James Carman, USN (Ret.). He will be the VP for Council and Chapter Support.

- Director COL Brian Anderson, former Deputy Director of C&C, will now serve as Director of the Transition Center and Member Services Center.

George Brudzinski gave the budget report. He corrected the amount reported at the last quarterly meeting and the correction will be made to the minutes. He reported that there is \$11,236.19 in the account as he rolled \$1,000 over to the 2017 convention account which was left over from the 2015 convention. George is also waiting to find out how much we will be getting from USAA and when we will be receiving it. He has been working with Gina in the Texas office since the grant process may have changed.

Jim Jackson is working on the 2017 State Convention Planning with Gary Marlar. The conference will be in September of 2017 and he has been meeting with individuals in Williamsburg, VA, to get us the best visit for the least amount of expense. At this point the conference will be an upscale experience and a very nice time for all that go. Doug wants this experience to have few meetings and allow for more sightseeing and interesting for all MOAA individuals not just Council representatives. All meals and most cocktails are included. There will be one night that a \$50 certificate will be given to be used at a different eating establishment for more variety.

Someone will be responsible for getting the names of individuals and keeping up with cancellations which will be important. It is mentioned that this may be a job for the Program Chairman.

There was some discussion after this concerning what will be presented at tomorrow's Council meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1700 so everyone could get ready for dinner and listening to the Caldwell County Men's Chorus.

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Ehrhardt

President

Carol Aljets

Secretary