

North Carolina Council of Chapters

3rd Quarterly NC COC Meeting

8 September 2018

The Council of Chapters meeting on 8 September was called to order by President David Lee at 1300 at the Hyatt Regency, Greenville, SC. Since most of the chapters had representatives at the MOAA Southeast Atlantic Region Leadership Workshop, it was decided to have a short COC 3rd Quarter NC COC meeting. Also no roll call was formally taken and as such will not be noted.

The primary purpose of the meeting was to tell what is going on with 4th Branch and the need for equal tax treatment of all government employees (Bailey Amendment). This not only includes military retirees not included but other Federal and state retirees. This includes state employees who have retired. These individuals need to be a part of this representation. Secondly is to discuss the upcoming meeting in Wilmington.

Jeri Graham handed out a paper with all the activities the 4th Branch is looking into to improve their lobbying actions with Ken Melton and Associates. These will be included but are in draft form only. Looking for suggestions.

The prior Legislative Vice President for NC COC has resigned and Ron Wilsbach will be taking his place. David Lee and Jeri Graham are representatives of the 4th Branch and gave a briefing on the status of the action on the Bailey Amendment. HB103 is the Equal Tax Treatment of Government Employees (Bailey Amendment). And SB153 is the Military Retiree State Income Tax Relief. The 4th Branch and NC MOAA supported HB103. Both of these bills died. The next legislative session is starting on 27 November. Ron, Jeri and David have developed a letter to send to all chapter legislative representatives to send to state legislature representatives. Ron is also asking all chapter members to send their email addresses to him and avail all members to keep updated on 4th Branch activities. He is also providing an opt-out option for those who object to providing their email addresses. There was considerable discussion by attendees and several expressed an objection to providing their email addresses. David asked that this be an action item and to move quickly and as effectively as possible to sign up for 4th Branch.

Next Meeting: 19-20 October, SENCLAND (Wilmington) Chapter hosting. Information will be forthcoming on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 1430

Submitted by: David Lee
President

Carol Aljets
Secretary