

North Carolina Council of Chapters

NC COC Teleconference

9 October 2018

The teleconference was called to order by President David Lee at 1935. Roll call was taken by Secretary Carol Aljets and David determined there were sufficient attendees to conduct business.

The two primary purposes of the meeting is to update the membership on the status of the upcoming meeting in Wilmington and the legislative initiatives of the 4th Branch.

The meeting in Wilmington will happen thanks to the extended of efforts of the SENCLAND Chapter to overcome obstacles presented by Hurricane Florence. The roads are expected to be open and the only known closure at this time is Highway 421.

- The COC Board meeting will be on Friday at 1500 with the place to be determined.
- The battleship will not be available so the Friday evening meeting will be at the Blue Water Grill in Wrightsville Beach. Dress for the evening will be business casual. Jeri recommended folks sign up for ride sharing to the restaurant.
- The COC meeting on Saturday morning will be at the Wilmington Convention Center which is next to the Embassy Suites Hotel. We will meet in the lobby and a member of the SECLAND Chapter will escort the group to the meeting place which will commence at 0800.

Jeri Graham gave a quick update on her request of Ken Melton and Associates for their plans for the upcoming legislative session. She expects she will receive it shortly. Also the Federal Retiree Task force has a new director, Rick Case. She shared what we know at this point with him as this group does provide 50% of the financial support to continue the activities of the 4th Branch.

At this point the meeting evolved into a discussion on the need to increase the membership in 4th Branch to give it more influence when dealing with the legislature. SEANC (?) has volunteered to give the email addresses of all their members, approximately 50,000. Even though MOAA is small in comparison, we have been the leader is expanding Bailey to all government employees and need to show stronger support. There was considerable discussion on whether or not to provide the emails of MOAA members. Jeri and Ron Wilsbach came up with the following:

A survey message from the chapter president in email form to all chapter members giving them the following four options:

- 1) Permission has already been given to provide the member's name, email address and zip code.
- 2) Give the president permission to provide a members name, email address and zip code.
- 3) Do not give email address information but the member pledges to support the efforts of the 4th Branch in regards to Bailey activity.
- 4) Do not give email information to 4th Branch.

By receiving 4th Branch information, the member will get legislative updates and with the push of a button on the alert they can automatically send a message to their legislative representative. Doug will have the survey available on the website. David will put this issue on the agenda for the upcoming COC meeting for further discussion.

Barry Coyle, the Legislative Representative for SECLAND Chapter, developed a letter that can be mailed out to all candidates for legislative office regarding issues of interest to MOAA. The letter is on the website.

Next COC Meeting: 19-20 October in Wilmington, NC. Information is on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 2045.

Submitted by: David Lee
President

Carol Aljets
Secretary