

North Carolina Council of Chapters

1st Quarterly Council Meeting

19 January 2019

The meeting on 19 January 2019 was called to order by President David Lee at 0800 at the Carolina Hotel in Pinehurst, NC. David led us with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. After roll call by the secretary, he determined that there was sufficient attendance for a quorum.

The **minutes** from the last meeting were reviewed by the Secretary Carol Aljets. Vern Pike made a motion that the minutes be approved as written, a second was made by Gary Marlar and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Gary Marlar reported we have a good problem/opportunity as we have \$12,000 in the treasury.

- Gary presented the 2019 Budget which reflected a 5% reduction due to decrease in membership.
- After some discussion a motion was made by Doug Ehrhardt and seconded by Vern Pike, to increase the chapter reimbursement for hosting council meetings to \$400. The motion passed.
- There was concern for the Coast Guard and NOAA with the looming government shutdown. A motion was made to give the Coast Guard Station in Elizabeth City, NC, \$500. Jeri Graham made the motion, it was seconded and passed. We would forward the check to the First Flight Chapter to give to the appropriate organization assisting those impacted.

Grant possibilities for Chapters:

- David reminded chapters that it is time to apply for the \$300 grant from USAA. At a minimum, if a chapter gets a grant, they accept a commitment to recognize USAA as a sponsor or contributor at the applicable event.
- The deadline for the MOAA Foundation Community Outreach Grant is 28 Feb 2019. The grant has a maximum available for a chapter of \$5,000 which will be disbursed on 1 May 2019. A chapter must provide proof of General Liability Insurance. For additional info: <http://test.moaa.org/Content/Chapters-and-Councils/Council-and-Chapter-Management/USAA-Sponsorship-forMOAA.aspx>

Options to Restructure Council Meetings: Options discussed included:

- Finding 3-4 centralized locations that would be easily accessible and cost effective for the chapter leaders to meet on a quarterly basis.

- Continue the moving around the state to all chapter locations.
- Find one or two locations that could accommodate the meetings, i.e. Cherry Point, Camp Lejuene, Fort Bragg, etc.
- Have a business only meeting on Saturdays every other quarter. Jeri will check out Searstone as a possibility for the 3rd Quarterly meeting. Eliminating the Friday evening social gathering.
- To save expenses Ken Klassen suggested the possibility of meeting at Libraries, Armories, Fort Fisher, Cherry Point, etc.

Leadership Changes:

- Carol Ivey has resigned and the Council is looking for a replacement.
- New 2019 Chapter Presidents:
 - NC (01) Cape Fear - Ira M. Watkins, MAJ, USA
 - NC (02) Coastal – TBD
 - NC (06) Sandhills – Nick Christopher, COL, USA
 - NC (09) Triangle – Herb Segal, COL, USA
 - NC (14) LA Osborne – Aimee Corning, MAJ, USAF
 - NC (21) High Country – Doug May, CAPT, USMC
 - NC (22) New River – Steve Turner

Membership: Al Schroetal talked about recruiting and Jim Brumit about retention. as the Council meeting tomorrow. Al talked of a survey to help chapter leadership determine what to include in meetings and where interests were to encourage attendance. His chapter surveyed all members in 2014 and again just new members in 2016. He had a response rate of 24% which is quite good. Several chapter presidents presented ideas to solicit new members, i.e. attend a baseball game, interesting programs, etc.

Legislative: Jeri Graham and Ron Wilsbach will discuss Storming the Hill, NC Legislative Day and the 4th Branch. Issues being addressed this year are on the website.

Doug Ehrhardt reminds that when items are sent to him for inclusion on the website, to please send it pdf so it can be promptly included.

Upcoming Meetings:

- 2nd Quarter (17-18 May 2019) – Mountain Lodge and Conference Center, Flat Rock.
- 3rd Quarter – Jeri and Vern will look into hosting the meeting at Searstone.
- 4th Quarter – Convention. New Bern is out due to hurricane damage but another site is being investigated.

Chapter Sharing:

Doug Ehrhardt announced that his chapter is establishing the Desmond Doss Foundation (Hacksaw Ridge) to continue his legacy.

Iggy Husar is moving to Southern Pines so his chapter will be needing a new president and he looks forward to joining the Sandhills Chapter.

David dismissed the meeting at 1610 so we could get ready for the dinner and program tonight.

Mark Beymer is looking for articles to include in the Carolina Comments Newsletter.

Respectfully submitted:

David Lee

Carol Aljets

President

Secretary