



## Minutes of the 16 May 2020 NCCOC Meeting

(Note that these minutes will incorporate references to slide numbers with comments as needed)

1. The Virtual Quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Council of Chapters was held on Saturday, 16 May 2020. In Preparation for this first Virtual Council meeting, members were provided a comprehensive slide deck and other documents which were housed on the NCCOC website. Members were asked to review all of the material ahead of time. Members received dial – in instructions and meeting protocol information and chapter Presidents were asked to share information with key chapter leaders and extend the invitation to attend the meeting.

2. President Jim Brumit called the meeting to order at 0915 hours. All attendees were asked to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Joe Kossen was in attendance but as there was a technical issue, President Brumit provided the Invocation. Members were asked to keep their phones on mute unless they were speaking. Attendees had reviewed the agenda ahead of time (Slides 6-8).

3. Secretary Graham conducted Roll Call. The following were noted to be present:

President	Jim Brumit
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Iggi Husar
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Ed Brown
Secretary	Jeri Graham
Treasurer	Mike Covell
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Sandi Adams
Immediate Past President	David Lee
Past Presidents	Doug Ehrhardt & NCCOC Web manager Jeri Graham Vern Pike Joe Cansler
NC01 President	Ira Watkins
NC02 President	Randall Ramian
NC03 Acting President	David Lee
NC04 President	Jay Garbus
NC06 President	Nikolas Christopher
NC07 President	Jim Carper
NC08 President	George Angle
NC09 President	Herb Segal
NC10 President	Donna Culp
NC11 President	Davey Davenport (excused)
NC14 President	Aimee Corning
NC17 President	Al DelGarbino
NC20 President	Gary Applewhite (excused)
NC21 President	Douglas May
NC22 President	Steve Tucker

We were delighted to have our Special Guest – CAPT Erin Stone , USN (Ret) Program Director, Council & Chapters Affairs join us and speak with our NCCOC members.

4. President Brumit asked that Chapter Presidents introduce the leadership of their Satellite Chapters.

Donna Culp (NC10) introduced David McCracken – Smokey Mountain Satellite and Rob Ewart – Black Mountain Satellite.

Jay Garbus (NC04) introduced Chris Coke -Lake Norman Satellite.

Al DelGarbino (NC17) introduced CDR Matt Walker – Elizabeth City Coast Guard Satellite.

5. Approval of 15 February 2020 NCCOC meeting minutes: (Slide 9). A motion to approve the minutes was made by Ed Brown and seconded by Iggi Husar. President Brumit asked for discussion and a motion to amend the minutes was made by David Lee and seconded by Mike Covell. As there was no further discussion, President Brumit asked for a vote which was seconded by Nick Christopher. Unanimous approval followed.

6. Mike Covell presented the Treasurer’s Report

a. Agenda (Slide 10)

b. Chapter Dues (Slide 11) Added Sandhills 2020 member report of 184, Amount Paid \$276 which then provided total of members to be 1332 which equated then to a total paid by chapters to be \$1990.50.

c. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual (Slide 13)

- Responding to a question about MOAA-President’s travel, Mike explained that MOAA provides \$1,150 for Council Presidents travel to chapters.

- \$363.40 used to date.

- \$290.00 given to chapters for recruiting endeavors.

d. Money Market Investment (Slide 14)

- Mike commented that probably our investments will not bring great news secondary to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

e. Issues (Slide 16)

- Mike reported that he is budgeting \$400/quarter for incentives. At the end of June, any chapter

- that has 100% of National MOAA membership will get \$50.

- Retention – Chapters that have 100% retention at the end of the year will get paid in Jan.2021 with an estimate of \$1350.

- Welcome to Mike Pomponio, WNC member who has recently been appointed as Assistant Treasurer.

- President Brumit asked that we vote for the Budget which was then unanimously approved.

7. Legislative Actions (Slides 17-25) Highlights - 1<sup>st</sup> VP Iggi Husar

a. Slide 17 - Working to improve our NC Veteran - Friendly Status.

b. Slide 18 - Focus on strategies to obtain relief from NC income tax for active & retired military personnel.

c. Slide 19 - Enhance legislative efforts by all chapter members, not only Legislative Liaisons

- d. Slide 20 -NCDHHS supports important DSLO issue.
  - e. Slide 21-25 NC Team prepares for Virtual Storming the Hill
8. Membership (Slides 26-31) Highlights – 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Ed Brown
- a. Slide 26 - Exceptional recruiting successes noted by SENCLAND/WESTERN chapters but 60% of chapters
    - actively recruiting per awards.
    - NRT usage is growing.
  - b. Slide 28 - 7 chapters receive retention bonuses
  - c. Slides 29-30 – Strong push by chapters to increase national MOAA membership. Continue to work on improving use of Committee Module.
  - d. Slide 31- How the Western Chapter Board all worked together to attain 100% National MOAA membership.
9. Surviving Spouse Liaison – Highlights (Slide 32-33)
- a. Slide 32 – Encouraging membership in VC02
  - b. Slide 33 – Goal to have 100% of chapters with identified Surviving Spouse Liaisons.
10. Zip Code / County Project (Slide 34)  
President Brumit encouraging chapters to look at realignment of chapter boundaries to best serve officers in NC. Discussion to be continued at next quarterly meeting.
11. CAPT Stone provided excellent opportunities for questions /discussions of common questions. Of special interest was how the community grants applications were evaluated. CAPT Stone will be following up on several issues and getting back to the member.
12. Slide (35) President Brumit asked for feedback on topics of interest or pride and excellent sharing followed. We will be following up on ideas submitted regarding pros and cons of quarterly meeting format.
13. Dates & Events for your calendar (slide 36).
14. Community Outreach Grants (Slide 37) Recipients of 2019 Grants
- Charlotte-Metrolina - \$5K
  - SENCLAND \$3,750.
15. Communications Awards (Slides 38-39) – Congratulations to our 4- and 5-star winners!
16. President Brumit adjourned the meeting at noon. The next meeting is scheduled for 15 Aug 2020. Details to be determined pending Covid-19 status in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeri Graham, Secretary