

North Carolina Council of Chapters

1st Quarterly NC COC Meeting

24 February 2018

The Council of Chapters meeting on 24 February 2018 was called to order by President David Lee at 0830 in Hampton Inn Salisbury, NC. Gary Applewhite led the Pledge of Allegiance. David went over the Agenda for the meeting. Secretary Carol Aljets called the roll and all chapters were represented except First Flight.

The minutes were reviewed and Dean Block moved that the minutes be approved as written, a second was made and the motion carried.

Gary Marlar gave the Treasurer's Report and reported that COC currently has \$12,601.19 in the bank. Dues are outstanding for Eastern, Triangle and Sandhills Chapters. He has also noted that membership is currently down 82 members or about 5 percent.

David identified that the goals for the meeting are the emphasis on the chapter; activities that help the chapter grow, succession and implementation of best practices. He divided the attendees into four groups for discussion of these topics. Group I: New River, Catawba Valley, High Country and Western Carolina. Group II: Central Carolina, Piedmont, Tar Heel and Charlotte-Metrolina. Group III: Triangle, Sandhills and Cape Fear. Group IV: First Flight, Coastal Carolina, Eastern Carolina and Southeastern Carolina. A number of ideas were generated and the groups reported to the Council of Chapters so all could hear the ideas and recommendations.

David advised that the most important job of the chapter president is the reports; two for the Council and two for National MOAA. The Officer Report and Membership Report for national are on the MOAA website (moaa.org under the Council and Chapters button) and can be completed on-line. Much easier now. Just remember that the Officer Report for national is different than the NC COC Officer Report. The Membership Report to national is due 1 March and there is a \$50 bonus for those submitted on time. For the NC COC the Officer Report needs to be submitted annually. Several chapters have old reports on record and it makes it very difficult for the COC to know whom to contact. Also, the COC requires a Quarterly Report of activities, membership, etc. This not only makes it easier for the chapter to complete forms for national awards but also keeps the COC up to date on activities. The Quarterly Reports are due at the end of the quarter which are 3/31, 6/30, 9/30 and 12/31. Let every chapter make every effort to get these updated before the next meeting and summer activities begin. David offered his assistance if needed.

Jim Brumit discussed membership and the need for our continued efforts to build the membership.

Ron Wilsbach presented a power point discussing the 2018 goals for MOAA and NC COC as well as a Strategic Plan. See the website for further details.

Jeri Graham advised that NC4Vets will be coming out with a new magazine very soon. She also identified Terri Coles as the Senior Director for Councils and Chapters and her assistant director as Scott Waddel. The deadline for the upcoming Communications Award is coming up and the Levels of Excellence Awards due date is 1 May. MOAA is also working on a pilot program so when a member moves they will be alerting the member and the chapter for the area to which they are moving to assist both in joining the local MOAA chapter.

David had set up three easels, one each for chapter successes, chapter issues and actions. Action items included:

- Carol will send out a message reminding the presidents of reports due.
- David will determine a way for chapter awards to show up on their websites.
- Jeri Graham, Greg Chase and Ken Melton will be active at the Legislative Day in Raleigh.
- Jeri will share criteria for the 4 and 5 Star Awards.
- Sencland's JAG and National MOAA will research what is needed and involved for chapters wanting liability insurance.
- Greg Chase has requested the names of all chapter Legislative Representatives.

David reminded the COC that on 14 March 2018, the Triangle Chapter will be celebrating its 55th anniversary. LG Dana Adkins will be the special guest speaker. All are invited to attend.

Next Meeting: 15-16 June, Charlotte-Metrolina Chapter hosting. Information will be forthcoming on the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

Submitted by: David Lee
President

Carol Aljets
Secretary