



## NCCOC Meeting Minutes August 15, 2020

(Note: these minutes will reference the [slide deck on the NCCOC web](#), with comments as needed)

1. The Virtual Quarterly meeting of the North Carolina Council of Chapters was held on Saturday, August 15, 2020. In preparation for this Virtual Council meeting, members were provided a comprehensive slide deck and other documents which were housed on the NCCOC website. Members/guests were asked to review all the material ahead of time. Members received Zoom instructions and meeting protocol information and chapter Presidents were asked to share information with key chapter leaders and to extend the invitation to attend the meeting. Efforts to facilitate the flow of the meeting were incorporated. We did encounter some technical difficulties for some attendees and an after-action review was accomplished to identify lessons learned. We also planned a minor diversion from the agenda to accommodate our guest speaker schedules.
2. Attendance was noted as attendees entered the meeting.

a. **Council Officers:**

President	Jim Brumit (via phone)
1 <sup>st</sup> VP	Iggi Husar
2 <sup>nd</sup> VP	Ed Brown
Secretary	Jeri Graham (NCCOC Past President)
Treasurer	Mike Covell
Assistant Treasurer	Mike Pomponio (Excused)
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Sandi Adams (Excused)
Council Immed. Past Pres.	David Lee
Council Past President	Doug Ehrhardt
Council Past President	Joe Cansler

b. **Chapter Presidents, Satellite Chairs and Chapter Members** (Presidents introduce Satellite Chairs & members):

NC01 Cape Fear	Ira Watkins, Doneal Gersch, George Bond, Sara Ballard and Timothy Atkinson (Chaplain)
NC02 Coastal Carolina	Randall Ramian
NC03 Eastern Carolina	David Lee (Acting)
NC04 Charlotte-Metrolina	Jay Garbus, Ron Morgan (past Chapter Pres.) and Chris Coke (Lake Norman Satellite)
NC06 Sandhills	Nickolas Christopher
NC07 SENCLAND	Jim Carper, Ken Klassen (past Chapter Pres.), Al Schroetel (Guest Speaker), Dianne Jinwright and Barry Coyle
NC08 Tarheel Central	Kenneth Zuhr and Phil Briscoe (Chapter 1 <sup>st</sup> VP)
NC09 Triangle	Herb Segal and Matt Segal (Past Chapter Pres.)

NC10 Western	Donna Culp, Craig Love (Smokey Mtn. Satellite) and Dr. Vivianne Wersel
NC11 Catawba Valley	Davey Davenport (representing Don Gemeinhardt)
NC14 Piedmont	Rumsey Helms, VP (representing Aimee Corning)
NC17 First Flight	Al DelGarbino (Excused)
NC20 Central Carolina	Gary Applewhite
NC21 High Country	Douglas May
NC22 New River	Doug Ehrhardt (representing Steve Tucker)
GA 14	Douglas Huthwaite

### 3. Agenda, Part 1

- a. Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem
- b. Muting guidance
- c. Council Officers
- d. **Legal Issues Council & Chapter Leaders Need to Know**, CAPT Erin Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret), Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs (slides 8 – 17)

Good questions and discussions about liability insurance, incorporation, bond insurance. Jim Carper recommended that National MOAA pursue obtaining group rates for Director and Officers insurance. Erin offered that she is not able to offer a legal opinion but that getting your chapter incorporated and then procuring liability insurance for that entity would be a reasonable approach and certainly less expensive. She will pursue the topic of bonding. Erin encouraged to send additional questions to Jeri for forwarding to Chapters.

- e. Invocation, LTC(Ret) Timothy Atkinson (shifted to meet prior speaker's schedule) (slide 3)

f. Approval of 16 May 2020 Quarterly Council Minutes (slide #19). David Lee moved to approve the minutes with a second offered by Jay Garbus. Iggi Husar called for discussion; with none offered, he called for a vote. The minutes were unanimously approved.

- g. Treasurers Report, Mike Covell (slides 20 & 21)

Mike reported that the Council provided financial incentives for recruiting efforts. Jim Carper suggested that in the future a balance sheet be provided as part of the financial report. Mike agreed to do that.

- h. Dr. Vivianne Wersel (slide 22)

Dr. Wersel provided a report regarding why she was stimulated to apply for a position on the MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Council. The NCCOC congratulates Dr. Wersel for this great honor. She also reinforced why being engaged with your legislators is important to so many issues.

- i. **Shane Ostrom**, CFP, Lt.Col., USAF, Program Director, Finance and Benefits Information (Slides 23-41)

This comprehensive presentation included information on Priority Legislative Topics; Survivor matters, Concurrent Receipt basics, Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA), Required Minimum Distributions (RMD), Qualified Charitable Deductions (QCD), MOAA web information and Q&A

opportunities. Members were encouraged to register for webinars provided by Shane Ostrom and Paul Frost.

#### 4. Agenda, Part 2

a. Chapter Achievements (slide 42). Five- and Four-Star Level of Excellence Awards winners were announced and congratulated. Discussion of the awards processes will take place in the future. President Brumit will present additional chapter achievements at future meetings.

b. Legislative Actions (slides 43 – 51). Iggi Husar moderated the presentations during this section which provided updates to similar topics presented in May 2020. These included Change in Focus, Near Term Actions and Emphasis, Virtual Storming the Hill, Summer Storming, Legislative and Veterans Affairs. Updates were provided by Iggi Husar, Jeri Graham and Vern Pike.

c. Membership (slides 52-66). Ed Brown moderated this section which included the following topics: awards for recruiting, satellite growth, zip code alignment, recruiting techniques, NRT usage and Committee module management. Presentations in this section were provided by Ed Brown, Al Schroetel, Donna Culp, and Matt Walker.

Follow on actions: As there was much discussion regarding the issue of outdated/ incorrect contact information, Jim Carper /Al Schroetel recommend that National MOAA emphasize the importance of updating profile information at all levels.

d. Surviving Spouse Liaison information (slide 67). Progress made in identifying all Chapter level SSL's.

e. Studying County distribution by NC Chapters and Zip Code Alias Chapter Potentials topics will be presented by President Brumit at a future meeting. (slides 68-69)

f. Sharing of Chapter Pride Items:

1. Donna Culp recognized Dr. Vivianne Wersel for her contributions and talents. She also recognized Mike Covell for his work on the chapter's LOE submission.

2. Jeri Graham recognized David Lee for his work on the Council LOE submission.

3. Jay Garbus recognized Ron Morgan for his work on the chapter's 4 star LOE submission. He also expressed concern about how other chapters were handling their meetings and concerns about a potential of losing members. We discussed the need to have this topic further discussed with chapter leaders.

4. Ira Watkins recognized his team members present: Gersch, Bond, Ballard and Atkinson. Jeri adds what the Cape Fear chapter did to facilitate donations for items for isolated Bragg soldiers returning from deployments, working with DHA, Red Cross and Bragg YMCA & MUSNAVC.

5. Jim Carper recognized chapter members present: Schroetel, Coyle, Klassen, Jinwright. He thanked Ken Klassen for his work on the chapter LOE submission (5 Star). Recognized Al Schroetel for his NRT project. He also emphasized the importance of socializing at chapter meetings. Chapter provided six thousand in JROTC scholarships and 11 thousand for university scholarships. They received a community grant and received 32 requests for MOAA Covid grants and had approved 18 grants total.

6. Ken Zuhr recognized 1<sup>st</sup> VP Briscoe for his great work on the Committee Module. He thanked Georg Angle for his work on their LOE Submission.

7. Don Gemeinhardt shared that his chapter has been adapting to the use of virtual technology and feels good about their recognition that they needed to make those changes.

g. Plans for the November meeting remain TBD as we ascertain what is reasonable based on the COVID-19 situation in North Carolina. President Brumit guides this decision (slide 70).

h. The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeri Graham, Secretary