

Minutes of the 8 January 2026 MOAA Council of Chapters Meeting

The monthly meeting of the MOAA NCCoC was held virtually and called to order at 1000 hours on Thursday 8 January by President Donna Culp USAF Capt. (Fmr). All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present, with nine chapters represented and 1 guest. There were 15 people.

*Frankie Groff and Herb Segal were installed as the First Vice President of Membership and Third Vice President for State Legislative Affairs, respectively, with a unanimous vote. The council welcomed new Chapter Presidents.

*COL Jim Brumit USA (Ret) moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting. COL Herb Segal USA (Ret) seconded it and it passed.

*Treasurer Ken Hillman USMC (Ret) presented the 2025 Treasurer's Report, noting a surplus of \$1090.31 and highlighting the over budget expenses due to a community outreach grant.

*2nd Vice President COL Dana Tucker, USA discussed the upcoming Advocacy in Action campaign scheduled to April 13-16, emphasizing the importance of importance of individual testimonies and the need for chapter members to register in the Legislative Action Center.

*3rd Vice President COL Herb Segal, USA (Ret) outlined plans to establish connections with state officials and the Defense State Liaison Office.

NC Council of Chapters Strategic Focus: Donna outlined the strategic priorities of the NCCOC, emphasizing advocacy, membership, councils and chapters, philanthropy, and engagement. She highlighted the importance of increasing MOAA brand recognition and forming an education/communication committee to improve communication channels. Donna also discussed the need to educate the community about MOAA and attract younger members, while maintaining the organizations' non-partisan stance.

Website Updates and Chapter Events: Tracey Young discussed website update, explaining that he needs information and headshots of new team members to make changes within a few days. Donna emphasized the importance of regularly reviewing the website and highlighted its role in chapter visibility. She also mentioned upcoming events and grants and encouraged attendance at the virtual council and chapter leadership workshop in March. The Council discussed the possibility of holding an in-person meeting in June.

Smiles for Veterans Outreach Program: Jon Jones, the Assistant Dean for Development at the school of Dental Medicine at ECU, presented an overview of their Smiles for Veterans

Outreach Program, which provides free dental to veterans at eight community service learning centers and the main clinic in Greenville, NC. Since its inception in 2018, the program has provided over \$250,000 worth of care to more than 500 veterans with support from donors and organizations like the MOAA Foundation and the Catawba Valley chapter. Jon invited attendees to collaborate on community grants or get involved with their local chapters to support the program, which primarily assists veterans who do not qualify for VA dental benefits. Donna shared updates on the MOAA grant's impact highlighting a life-saving dental intervention for a veteran.

Meeting ended at 11:15

Frankie Pennington Groff - Secretary