

Minutes of the 12 March 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 12 March by President Donna Culp USAF Capt. (Frm). All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present, with ten chapters represented. There were 10 members present with a total of 19 attending.

***Secretary Report:** Frankie reported that she had been having problems with her computer system and was in the process of getting new equipment. Members were asked to view the AI Detailed Summary as Donna scrolled through. There were a few corrections made: a) Herb Segal's name was misspelled, b) MOAA was missing an A, and c) Senecland had been misspelled. The minutes were approved as amended after corrections were noted.

President's Report Capt. Donna Culp, USAF (FMR):

Member Profile Updates and Advocacy Preparation

Donna Culp emphasized critical actions for effective legislative advocacy:

Profile Information Updates

All members must ensure their MOAA profile information is current and accurate:

1. Log into MOAA website (contact Member Service Center if issues arise)
2. Navigate to Profile Info section in left menu

Legislative Action Center Access

- **Basic members** have very limited access to MOAA tools and resources
- **Life members** have full access to Legislative Action Center and advocacy tools
- Members can upgrade from basic to life membership through the MOAA website
- The Legislative Action Center allows members to send pre-written or customized letters to legislators with one click

Chapter Goal

MOA is encouraging **at least 10% of each chapter's membership** to actively participate in Advocacy in Action by registering and using the Legislative Action Center. This is an LOE (Level of Excellence) metric for chapters.

***Treasurer Ken Hillman** USMC (Ret) presented the 2025 Treasurer's Report, noting the checking account has a balance of \$9,378.56. The savings account shows \$11,771.62. 2026 revenue (YTD): \$3,725.09. 2026 expenses (YTD): \$202.00, Net Budget Remaining: \$3,523.09. Non-profit tax return filed with IRS (no tax owed, but filing required)

- LLC annual report filed with NC Secretary of State (\$200 fee paid)

Chapter Dues Status:

- 11 chapters have paid dues to date
- Unpaid dues become delinquent after April 1, 2026
- 10% penalty applies to delinquent dues per Article 6, Section 2 of bylaws

LLC Status Discussion: Gregory Williamson inquired about the Council's Limited Liability Company structure. Jim Brumit explained the LLC has been in place for at least 12 years to protect directors and officers from personal liability in lawsuits. The Council also maintains D&O insurance. The LLC status enables 501(c)(3) recognition and provides legal protection, though it requires annual registration fees unlike non-profit corporations.

***1st Vice President Frankie Groff, SSL,** provided updates on the CM Project, acknowledging the system is very confusing. She thanked Ken, Jim, and Donna for a training Zoom call that helped get her started. We focused on a) catchment area data, b) Prioritizing lifetime member over basic MOAA members, c) segmenting prospects by geographic, areas and age groups, d) Jim Brumit suggested to involve service members as coordinators within councils and chapters.

2nd Vice President Col Dana Tucker, USA: Standing in for Dana was Mark Sandvigan who presented the legislative for the April 13, 2026 “Advocacy in Action”. North Carolina delegates will meet with 8 of 14 representatives, Both US Senators and 6 House members with significant influence on the legislative priorities. With regards to the Military Care Act there was some discussion about overlapping with state and federal bills. Mark and Herb agreed to coordinate to ensure federal and state bills don't conflict. Mark will send Herb a copy of the federal bill for reconciliation efforts.

***3rd Vice President COL Herb Segal, USA Chapter Legislative Liaisons:** Herb requested that four chapters who have not yet done so provide names and contact information for their chapter legislative liaisons. This information is needed to: Maintain a complete roster for state-level coordination, keep liaisons informed of legislative developments across North Carolina, enable participation in upcoming MOA and state advocacy events.

State-Level Advocacy and Upcoming Events

North Carolina Veterans Council Legislative Day

- Date: June 2, 2026
- Status: First draft of briefing materials received just before this Council meeting
- Five issues will be presented to state legislators
- Herb is writing the position paper on Veterans Treatment Courts

Veterans Treatment Courts

Herb requested information and materials on Veterans Treatment Courts

MOAA Legislative Exchange Forum

- Date: March 31, 2026, at 8:00 PM EST
- Frequency: Quarterly meeting
- Purpose: Chapters share legislative challenges and solutions across state lines

Virtual Council Collaboration Offer

Joe Golas (President, Virtual Council of Chapters) offered state-level advocacy support:

- Virtual Council membership: 1,400+ members across 12+ states, NC members are at least 60. Send state-level legislative priorities to Joe, and he'll forward all NC Virtual Council members for support. Contact: virtualcouncil2022@gmail.co

Personal Health Update

Herb Siegel thanked everyone for their support during his recent medical emergency: He said he had suffered a stroke 2 weeks prior to this meeting. He is feeling “amazing” and fully recovered, expressed gratitude for prayers and well-wishes.

Guest Speaker: Cory Merritt Co-owner of the Special Liberty Project based in Franklin, NC. To find out about this incredible project that reaches out to veterans, and their families check out their website, speciallibertyproject.org.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1100 hours.

Next meeting to be held 9 April, 2026 at 1000hours

Respectfully submitted,

Frankie Pennington Groff

