

**New River Chapter, MOAA  
Regular Membership Meeting Minutes  
17 May 2011**

**Call to Order:** Following a meal and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1950 on 17 May 2011 at the *Coffee House in West Jefferson*.

**Members Present:** Doug Ehrhardt, Charles Knapp, Ken Lynn, Ron Schuette, Karen Strickland, Bill Horner, Lee Eldreth, Jerry Lafferty, Robert Burgess, Wilbur Wright, Linda Marsh, Betty Schuette (member-spouse/auxiliary /spouse chair), Lee Lafferty (members-spouse), Monica Madden-Lynn (member-spouse).

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

**Old Business:** Doug reviewed the work of the Board of Directors who met immediately prior to the general membership meeting (see the Board meeting minutes same date for a summary).

**New Business:**

**NC Council of Chapters Update:** Doug gave a quick update on all the matters discussed at the Council meeting on 14 May. He presented National's Communication Award plaques, on behalf of the entire New River Chapter, respectively to Ken Lynn and Charles Knapp for the newsletter and scholarship post cards which won national recognition. He also discussed some membership accountability errors between our membership rolls and the rolls of the Council and National. He's working to reconcile the error as it appears the Council and National is using outdated figures.

**Guest Speaker:** Doug again thanked last month's speaker, Jerry Lafferty, and talked of our plans to have an additional guest speaker for the June meeting. He's working a potential lead on a local speaker.

**ACHS JROTC Support:** Doug gave a brief update on his meeting with the new Ashe County High School principal. The Chapter is on the schedule to present the MOAA Leadership Award to the rising senior in the ACHS JROTC Corps at the ACHS Awards Ceremony on Friday, 20 May. All Chapter members are invited to attend.

**Sears Scholarship Fund:** Doug, Linda and Ken gave an update on the fund and ongoing fundraising initiatives (see the BOD meeting minutes). Jerry Lafferty volunteered to join Linda on the Scholarship Committee.

**MOAA Levels of Excellence Award:** Doug gave an update on the Chapter's submission to compete for a *5-star Chapter of Excellence Award*. Applications are due to National by 1 June.

**Other Business:**

**Cell Phone Collection initiative:** Auxiliary/Spouse Rep. Betty Schuette discussed the MOAA National cell phone collection initiative where old cell phones are collected, turned into National and calling cards are issues to deployed service personnel so they can call back home for free. A collection box has now been established at the *Coffee House*.

**50/50 Raffle:** Linda Marsh was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 raffle.

**Adjournment:** The president adjourned the meeting at 2035.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President