

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 19 March 2013

Call to Order: Following a meal and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the Annual Meeting of the NRC to order at 1900 hours on 19 March 2013 at the *Coffee House* in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, Charles Knapp, Ken Lynn, Barbara Sears, Wilbur Wright, Tim Fuller, Lynn Hunt, Steve Tucker, Cathy Ehrhardt (member-spouse), Susan Hunt (member-spouse), Ron and Susan Guell (friends of Barbara Sears).

Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$2,959.12 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$10,255.42.

New Business:

Bylaws: Doug announced the Chapter Bylaws had been updated and signed IAW the changes approved by the membership at last year's annual meeting.

Desmond Doss *Hacksaw Ridge* Movie Project: Doug gave a quick overview of the project Charles Knapp has been involved with in his role as Chairman of the Desmond Doss Council and as a consulting producer on the forthcoming motion picture *Hacksaw Ridge*, chronicling Doss's Medal of Honor actions in WWII as a conscientious objector. Charles just recently returned from the Oscars ceremony where he was a guest of the movie's producer. Charles will be giving a presentation on the Doss story, including his own past and future activities as they relate to the Doss Council and production of the movie.

NC "Convention at Sea" Update: Doug gave a quick overview/update of the 13 – 18 February 2013 convention/cruise MOAA National conducted that he and Cathy attended.

Program Planning for 2013: Doug outlined a potential program of activities for each of the monthly meetings in 2013. In lieu of the next meeting in April, an idea was presented to have a social event rather than a regular membership meeting. More details will be forthcoming, but the Board of Directors recommended offering an open invitation to all members to meet for dinner in Boone with a follow-on option to attend the Garrison Keillor "Prairie Home Companion" show at the Holmes Convention Center at Appalachian State. Members will pay their own way and can opt in for attending both events or either.

Joint NRC/HCC Hosting of NC Council of Chapters: Doug reiterated the committal of the two chapters to jointly host the NC Council of Chapters later this August and reviewed items will need to accomplish between now and then.

Sears Scholarship: The Scholarship Committee has received one application for a scholarship from a student at Ashe County High School. After careful consideration, and before voting on the application, the Committee and Board of Directors decided to go back one last time and query the other two JROTC instructors to make sure they have no other deserving candidates who might also be eligible to apply.

New Members: Although they've been members for a while, Doug introduced Lynn and Susan Hunt who were attending their first meeting.

Guest Speaker: Barbara Sears gave a wonderful and thoroughly informative slideshow presentation that chronicled her recent USNA Alumni Trip to South Africa.

Other Business:

There was no 50/50 Raffle and no other business.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 2015 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President