

New River Chapter MOAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 15 April 2014

Call to Order: Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1735 hours on 15 April 2014 at the *Coffee House* on the Backstreet in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, President; Charles Knapp, 1st Vice President/Programs & Membership Chair; Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Sears, Personal Affairs Committee Chair; Ron Wilsbach, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair; Linda Marsh, Scholarship Committee Chair, Monica Madden-Lynn, Scholarship Committee member

Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$3,329.66, and that since the last meeting the following expenses were paid: \$10.00 for the March guest speaker's meal. The balance on hand in the Scholarship fund is: \$11,358.93. He plans to work with our accountant to file the IRS scholarship return prior to 15 May.

New Business:

Programs & Membership Committee Chair and Chapter Recruiting: Charles discussed membership recruiting initiatives he and the committee are working on to include a new Chapter business card and recruiting package. In addition, he discussed the Voices for America's Troops, an auxiliary program run by MOAA that we could use to increase membership: <https://ebiz.voicesfortroops.org/Default.aspx?TabId=157>. He also unveiled MOAA certificates of appreciation to present to our guest speakers and for other purposes.

Personal Affairs Committee: Barbara put forward a motion that all members provide her with a military biography that the committee could keep on file to help with crafting obituaries and for use in other matters in the event of a member passing away. The board approved this idea and more information is forthcoming.

Scholarship Committee: Linda briefly discussed the four application the Chapter has received this year and the board approved a motion that the award criteria for the Sears Scholarship be expanded to look at "education" being the primary qualification as opposed to solely basing the primary qualification on being a "college-bound ROTC student." The board also approved a motion that more than one scholarship per year may be awarded.

The Legislative Committee: Ron reported that the "Storming the Hill" event had taken place the previous week.

Auxiliary Spouse Liaison: Betty Schuette is currently experiencing some health issues but has let the board know she plans to continue on in her role as liaison.

Other Business:

Awards: Doug reported that the NCC received nine MOAA Communication Awards and our Chapter received three. See our Chapter website to review the awards.

New Start: Doug provided additional information on starting a Veterans Recognition Program. Again, there was general agreement among the board that this was a worthwhile endeavor. In the near future the Chapter will seek a volunteer or volunteers to head the initiative.

July Meeting: As our guest speaker in July is USAF Col-Ret Mike Hayden from MOAA, all agreed we need to extend an invite to the High Country Chapter, all local VSO and the general public to garner maximum interest and participation. A venue was discussed and it was decided the Chapter would seek out the Arts Council facility.

NCC: Doug briefly reviewed the upcoming Council “Boot Camp” Training for Council officers.

MOAA Presidents Symposium: The symposium will be held in Jacksonville, FL 4-6 September.

JROTC Leadership Award: The ACHS is changing their awards program so that it's only open to seniors. In the past, we've presented the JROTC leadership award at this event. A motion was put forward to invite the recipient and his family to our meeting and make the presentation there, and then provide coverage in the local media.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 1825 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President