

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 17 March 2015

Call to Order: Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1800 hours on 17 March 2015 at the Winner's Circle in Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, President; Charles Knapp, 1st Vice President/Programs; Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer; Ron Wilsbach, Legislative Affairs Committee Chair; Barbara Sears, Personal Affairs Committee Chair; Lou Burge, Director at-large; Ron Schuette, Director at-large; Betty Schuette, Spouse Auxiliary Liaison; Lee Eldreth, Porter Hicks, Wilbur Wright, Steve Tucker, Bob Worley, Cathy Ehrhardt, member-spouse, Mary Knapp, member-spouse, Monica Madden-Lynn, member-spouse; Ann Burge, member-spouse; Lois Rhoades, member-spouse; Bobbie Worley, member-spouse; Mik Mikulan, new member, Jim Doss, new member.

New Business:

President's Update: Doug introduced our two new members, Mik Mikulan and Jim Doss. He then went on to discuss our tentative plans to operate in the new venue. He discussed that the NCC had lost a chapter and that there are now just 16 chapters in the Council. He also discussed the 4th Branch's *Engage* initiative that's similar to MOAA national's Legislative Updates. A link is on our Chapter website so members can sign up and register. Doug also discussed the submission of our Communication Awards to National. He then asked Charles to introduce our guest speaker.

Guest Speaker: Charles introduced our speaker, Cathy Barr, the Ashe County Economic Development Coordinator who spoke to us about economic development issues in the county.

Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$3,450.81 + a \$100.00 check on hand for a late 2015 dues payment. Expenses since the last meeting include 6 month P.O. Box rental. The balance on hand in the Scholarship fund is: \$12, 958.75.

Programs Committee Chair: Charles outlined the confirmed programs for 2015 and reiterated the need to find a Membership Committee Chair now that we've separated Programs & Membership into two separate committees. Next month's program will focus on the West Jefferson Centennial Celebration

Scholarship Committee: Linda was not present but Ken gave an update of their last meeting where it was decided the Chapter would present a \$1,000.00 to a qualified student at each of the three high school we support assuming each has a candidate that meets our criteria.

The Legislative Committee: Ron reported that “Stormin’ the Hill begins on 15 April. Also that the MCRMC proposals are being looked at by Congress and by MOAA national.

Personal Affairs Committee: Barbara Sears reported that all is well in the world of PA.

Auxiliary Spouse Liaison: Betty Schuette was unable to attend the BOD meeting and didn’t have a report for the regular meeting.

Veterans Recognition Program: Lou Burge reported that we’re ready to recognize our third vet and the tentative schedule is set for Tuesday, 24 March. We have a fourth vet identified for April.

Other Business:

High Country Veterans Coalition: There was discussion of the board moving forward and trying to make this venture a reality. We are going to have to take the lead.

50/50 Raffle: Wilbur Wright won the raffle and donated his share of the funds to the Sears Scholarship fund.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 2005 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President