

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes June 20, 2017

Call to Order: Following dinner at the Hotel Tavern in West Jefferson Chapter President Lou Burge called the meeting to order at 18:30 hours.

Members Present: Eighteen members and spouses were present including Chapter President Lou Burge, Treasurer Robert Worley, Doug Ehrhardt immediate Chapter past president and current Chairman of the North Carolina Council of Chapters.

New Business:

President's Update: Lou made motion to elect Don Goodhart as Secretary. Motion was seconded by Doug Ehrhardt. Motion was approved by acclamation. Lou then covered the 2016 awards received by the Chapter for Communications and how the physical displays have changed. He read a Certificate of Appreciation for Col Ken Lynn who was unable to attend. He introduced new member Mark Whittle (wife Debi) who was a Navy Pilot. Lou covered the local funeral arrangements for Sgt Dillon Baldrige killed in action in Afghanistan. Everyone was encouraged to participate.

Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: No report given.

Chapter Scholarship Programs: Doug discusses the three scholarship programs. Only one of the three was awarded in 2016 due to lack of action by the High School;

Programs: Doug Ehrhardt is the Program Chairman and solicits input from all members and spouses for potential programs.

High School ROTC Program: Doug Ehrhardt covered the number of students involved in the program. In 2016 there were 31 students. Requirement is for 10% of the student body and the Officer in Charge is planning to grow the program to 52 students for 2017.

Picnic: The picnic has been scheduled for the Mount Jefferson Park picnic area on August 19. The party is from 1400 to 1700. Everyone is encouraged to attend and to bring something excellent to eat. Basics are provided (burgers, buns, drinks, and condiments).

MOAA Legislative Chairman: Doug Ehrhardt is the Legislative Chair for the State Council.

Chapter Newsletter: Many thanks to Ken Lynn for the excellent newsletters (see communication awards and Certificate of Appreciation mentioned above). Doug Ehrhardt now has the Chapter quarterly Newsletter.

MOAA NC Council of Chapters Convention: The next NC MOAA Convention is Sept 7 - 10 in Williamsburg, Va. Everyone is invited to attend. The keynote speaker is Lt Gen Atkins (MOAA CFO). It's not just meetings, several social functions and golf are on the schedule. See the NCCOC website (www.moaa-nc.org) for specifics and cost or e-mail Doug Ehrhardt at info@newrivermoaa.org.

Adjournment: There being no further business the president adjourned the meeting at 2000 hours

