

## **New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 17 October 2017**

**Call to Order:** Before the meeting meal, Chapter President Lou Burge called the meeting to order at 1815 on 17 October 2017 at the Boondocks Tavern in West Jefferson. He explained the reason for the move of the monthly meeting from the Hotel Tavern to Boondocks on the water problem associated with the Hotel Tavern and expressed his gratitude to the staff at the Hotel Tavern at coordinating the dinner meeting with Boondocks. President Burge led the chapter attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Louis Burge, Doug Ehrhardt, Bob Worley, Jim Dunne, Jim Gee, Mark Whittle, Chuck Hayes, Mik Mikulan, Jim Cain and Karen Strickland. Also present were Cathy Ehrhardt (member-spouse), Ann Burge (member-spouse), Lynne Hayes (member-spouse) and Bobbie Worley (member-spouse). Guests included Kevin Trainor and Marine Corps League representative, Bernie Lee.

### **Old/Unfinished Business:**

**Old Business:** Lou Burge reported on a Board of Directors meeting held the previous week and action taken to develop a slate of nominees for the officers needed to lead the chapter into 2018.

Doug Ehrhardt then shared information regarding the current officer roster that has recently been published on the chapter website, and a proposed sheet of candidates that will next be finalized and then presented to the membership via an e-mail wherein all may vote electronically for the persons nominated. To date, there is not a name for the office of president, but that Jim Cain has agreed to be nominated for the one at-large BOD position vacated when Bob Worley was named as treasurer.

### **New Business:**

**Guest presentations:** Marine Corps League representative, Bernie Lee shared information on the Trees Across America program which the Ashe County league supports and how the program is funded. He also shared his upcoming participation in the reading of all 58,487 names of veterans killed during the Vietnam War and his being named to read those names of Ashe County veterans.

Kevin Trainor, a US Navy veteran who served as a SAR team member prior to retiring as an E-6 but then returning to active duty after the 911 bombing, but subsequently medically retired and now living in Ashe County along with his service dog Luca...Kevin was invited to attend by Doug Ehrhardt as he is currently living in chapter member Jim Need's house in Fleetwood before continuing to find/build a new home. Jim Need's son, Kyle was also a US Navy rescue swimmer.

**Update:** Doug shared information on the project to have a chapter polo shirt developed, specifically the number of individuals desiring to purchase and potential costs involved. It was determined that there is enough interest to move forward and Doug will get more information from COL Jeri Graham who previously made the NCCOC shirts worn by several chapter officers available. A final notice regarding the purchase will be sent out before we meet in December.

**Officer Nominations:** The names of persons who are currently nominated to hold officer positions in 2018-2019 are on the attached document. Efforts will continue to be made to finalize any more names, or continue with currently serving before a finished ballot will go out electronically before the December holiday party. A question was raised as to how we will operate in the absence of a newly appointed president and Lou shared how we can possibly have another "shared" president, or that until such time as a new name is voted on, that he and immediate past president Doug Ehrhardt will work to meet chapter responsibilities.

**Treasurer Report:** Bob Worley presented a budget report that is also attached to this set of minutes.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned 2030.

**New River Chapter**  
**Officer Nomination Form**  
**2018-2019**

**President:**

vacant

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**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President:**

Steve Tucker

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**Secretary:**

Don Goodhart

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**Treasurer:**

Bob Worley

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**Board of Directors (Two directors needed):**

Charles Knapp

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Jim Cain

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**Membership:**

Mik Mikulan

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**Programs:**

Doug Ehrhardt (temporary until a new nominee is identified)

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**Legislative:**

Jim Cain

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New River Chapter, MOAA

Financial Report

Period: October 2016 – October 2017

Beginning Cash: \$3,291.12

Receipts (\$):

Interest	34.99
Dues	400.00
New River Marathon	350.00
Fisher House	4,398.00
Marathon Jam	500.00
Movie Sponsors	2,505.00
MOAA National	50.00
Misc.	10.00

Total Receipts \$8,247.99

Disbursements (\$):

Fisher House	4,398.00
Marathon Jam Expenses	1,039.53
Hacksaw Ridge event	1,600.00
MOAA	48.00
Web hosting	150.00
Ashe Chamber	100.00
WSPS	125.00
Annual Picnic Supplies	94.73

Total Disbursements (\$7,555.26)

Current Cash Balance **\$3,983.85**

New River Chapter, MOAA

Sears Scholarship

Period: October 2016 – October 2017

Beginning Cash:		\$10,954.86
Receipts (\$):		
Interest	83.46	
Donations	500.00	
Postcards / Note Cards	240.00	
Total Receipts		\$823.46
Disbursements (\$):		
Liberty Univ. (Logan Jones)	1,000.00	
Ashe Arts Vendor Fee	20.00	
Total Disbursements		\$1,020.00
Current Cash Balance		<b>\$10,758.32</b>