

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 19 June 2012

Call to Order: Following a meal and playing of the National Anthem, Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1900 hours on 19 June 2012 at the *Coffee House* in West Jefferson.

Members Present: Doug Ehrhardt, Charles Knapp, Ken Lynn, Ron Schuette, Jerry Lafferty, Dan Strickland, Karen Strickland, Ron Wilsbach, Jim Dunne, Paul Baschon, Lee Holmes, Linda Marsh, Rose Koontz, Betty Schuette (member-spouse/auxiliary /spouse chair), Lee Lafferty (member-spouse), Kathleen Wilsbach (member-spouse) Monica Madden-Lynn (member-spouse).

Old/Unfinished Business:

Old Business: Doug reviewed the work of the Board of Directors who met immediately prior to the general membership meeting (see the Board meeting minutes same date for a summary).

New Business:

Chapter Budget/Dues Report: Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported that the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$2,327.22 and the Scholarship Fund balance is \$7,963.81.

July/Aug Programs: Doug announced a member of the Wounded Warrior Project would speak at the July meeting... and reminded everyone of our August picnic social.

Fundraising Opportunities: Linda Marsh gave an update on the RADM Scott L. Sears Memorial Walk and Picnic scheduled to take place on 14 July at 1030 hrs at Price Lake located off the BRP near Blowing Rock. Participants will pay \$15 to walk and support the Sears Scholarship Fund. Also, the Scholarship Committee has begun meeting and is working on the criteria to award scholarships to the three area high schools we now support. The initial goal is to award a deserving JROTC senior at each school with a \$500.00 scholarship.

RADM-Ret Sears Interment: The interment was held on 15 June at the Arlington National Cemetery and Doug gave members an overview of the details and provided photographs.

Passing of Erika Burgess: Doug informed the Board of the passing of members-spouse Erika Burgess.

Levels of Excellence Award: Doug reported that our Chapter submission met the 1 June deadline to National.

Elizabeth Franzen: Doug advised that he and Cathy had visited with auxiliary member Elizabeth Franzen and that it would be beneficial to her if the Chapter could set up a rotating visitation schedule. More details will be forthcoming.

Joint NRC/HCC Hosting of NC Council of Chapters: Doug announced committal of the two chapters to jointly host the NC Council of Chapters next year during the July/Aug/Sep timeframe.

Guest Speaker: Christina Wagoner, the Chapter's CPA, gave a presentation on wills and estate planning.

Other Business:

50/50 Raffle: Charles Knapp was the lucky recipient of the 50/50 raffle.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 2000 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President