

New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 8 August 2014

Call to Order: Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 3:45 on 9 August 2014 at the Picnic Pavilion, Jefferson Landing Resort, Jefferson, NC

Attendees: Doug Ehrhardt, President, Charles Knapp, Vice President, Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer, Barbara Sears, Personal Affairs Chair, Ron Wilsbach, Legislative Chair, Lou Burge and Ron Schuette, Directors, Betty Schuette, Auxiliary Representative; members Bob Worley, Dan Strickland, Karen Strickland, Jim Gee, Bill Horner, Lee Eldreth and Wilbur Wright; member spouses Bobbie Worley, Kathleen Wilsbach, Linda Gee, Ann Burge, Monica Madden-Lynn, Mary Knapp, Joan Horner, and Mannon Eldreth; prospective new member Don Goodheart and his wife Frances; guests Paul and Judy Ash and Helen (Wright – daughter of Wilbur); and guest speaker Cabot Hamilton, Ashe County Chamber of Commerce.

Old Business:

N/A

New Business:

After opening the picnic with members and guests rendering honors to the colors, President Doug Ehrhardt welcomed everyone – by name as he FORGOT the name tags! – and extending a special welcome to guests Cabot Hamilton, Paul and Judy Ash and prospective new member Don Goodheart and his wife Frances.

Doug follow with a quick recap of the events he recently attended – the 3rd Quarterly NC Council meeting in Salisbury – and an announcement of our Chapters being recognized for our FOURTH 5-Star streamer by MOAA, which will be presented when Doug and Cathy attend the national meeting in Arlington, VA in October.

Director Lou Burge then presented two items of interest for our chapter: a nomination of a Korean War veteran has been received to be our first recipient of the Chapter's new Veterans Recognition initiative; and an opportunity to join other Ashe County veterans organizations – AL, DAV and VFW – to help support and sponsor the placement of a flag pole and plaques at the Ashe County High School soccer field which was a request from a parent of a school child. Our participation in this project will also enable the Chapter to lay the groundwork for a proposed "Military Coalition" of Ashe County veterans organizations which has been previously proposed to engage the county VSO, Darrell Vaughn.

In closing, Doug recognized the fact that Secretary/Treasurer deserved special recognition for being able to stand upright for the meeting after his completion of the "Blue Ridge Brutal," a 100 mile bike race in Ashe County which began at 7:00 AM.

Adjournment: The president adjourned the meeting at 4:00 PM and in order for everyone to resume enjoying the food and fellowship.

At 5:00 PM, our guest speaker, Cabot Hamilton, Director of the Ashe County Chamber of Commerce spoke to our Chapter members about an opportunity to be involved with a special initiative of the Chapter in support of business entrepreneurs in the County and to invite members to consider being involved with same. He provided a card prepared by the Council that explains the program which can be seen on our website at <http://www.newrivermoaa.org/HbG/photos/1407683978/uploads/Ashe%20COC%20-%20Small%20Business%20Consulting%20Committee.pdf>.

Submitted and Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President