

## New River Chapter MOAA Meeting Minutes 16 June 2015

**Call to Order:** Chapter President Doug Ehrhardt called the meeting to order at 1810 hours on 16 June 2015 at the Winner's Circle in Jefferson.

**Members Present:** Doug Ehrhardt, President; Charles Knapp, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Programs; Ken Lynn, Secretary/Treasurer; Barbara Sears, Personal Affairs Committee Chair; Lou Burge, Director at-Large; Mik Mikulan, Director at-Large; Mac Hunt, Bob Worley, Bobbie Worley, member-spouse; Ann Burge, member-spouse; Monica Madden-Lynn, member spouse; Robin Mikulan, member-spouse; Earl Inge, guest; Chuck Hayes, guest.

### New Business:

**President's Discussion:** Doug began with an overview of the recent State Convention Meeting and discussed the three Chapter awards we had received (Unique Communication, Website, E-newsletter). He noted that at each of the three local high schools our Chapter supports, all the JROTC commanders are leaving and three new commanders are coming in. Doug also recapped the recent awarding of a \$1000.00 Sears Memorial Scholarship to a deserving JROTC cadet and the awarding of the MOAA Leadership Awards to cadets at each high school. He then discussed the 4<sup>th</sup> Branch Engage effort and noted there was access via the Chapter's website. Doug then invited Barbara Sears and Ken Lynn to introduce their guests.

**Special Presentation:** Doug presented the MOAA national awards the Chapter earned for 2014.

**Guest Speaker:** Charles introduced our speaker, Mik Mickulan, who gave an impressive presentation on the Public Health Service. During his presentation, the Public Health Service flag was added to our Chapter's flag stanchion.

### Old/Unfinished/Recurring Business:

**Chapter Budget/Dues Report:** Chapter Treasurer Ken Lynn reported the Chapter's current cash balance on hand is: \$3,753.21. A \$150.00 outlay for website hosting has been paid. The balance on hand in the Scholarship fund is: \$12, 023.28 and he has a \$315.00 check to deposit into the account.

**Programs Committee Chair:** Charles went over plans for hosting our July meeting at the Arts Council and the fact that we'll be opening the meeting to all county veterans and members of the High Country Chapter as we host Ilario G. Pantano, Director of North Carolina Veterans Affairs. The Ashe and Watauga County VSO are also invited. Charles also made mention of the August picnic that will be held at his home...on a Sunday vice Saturday to be announced.

**Veterans Outreach:** Lou remarked that we currently have no other prospects to recognize, but he is continuing to work with the local veterans groups to learn of potential prospects. He and Charles gave an update on their meeting with the other veteran VSO commandants concerning the stand-up of a county veterans coalition. Tentative agreement was reached that this will happen.

**Scholarship Committee:** Linda March was not present.

**The Legislative Committee:** Ron Wilsbach was not present.

**Membership Committee:** Vacant.

**Personal Affairs Committee:** Barbara Sears was present, but had nothing new to report.

**Auxiliary Spouse Liaison:** Vacant.

**Other Business:**

**50/50 Raffle:** Monica Madden-Lynn won the raffle.

**Adjournment:** The president adjourned the meeting at 2010 hours.

Submitted by Ken Lynn, Secretary

Approved by Doug Ehrhardt, President