



New River Chapter

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NEW RIVER CHAPTER NEWS...please read.

Attached is a report from Chapter President, Steve Tucker who is sharing a lot of information concerning Veteran News for Ashe County:

Hello New River Chapter MOAA. There have been some interesting things happening in the Ashe County Military Community that I want to share with you.

First, we have a new Ashe County Veterans Service Officer. Missy Parker has taken over this post and promises to be an energetic and active proponent for our veteran community. Missy is a Senior Chief (E-8) Boatswain's Mate (BMCS) in the U.S. Naval Reserve and is in a currently drilling status. I'm amazed we found someone this qualified to represent our Ashe County Veterans. You can reach Missy at 336-846-5575.

On Tuesday August 16, representatives from the VFW, Marine Corps League, American Legion and NRC MOAA (me) met with Missy to help her plan a Veterans Day event for Ashe County. The plan so far is to have it from 9:00 to 11:00 am on Veteran's Day so all the vets can get to the Appleby's in Boone for their free meal. The venue and what form it will take are still in the planning stages. As we progress with the plan I will keep all of you informed, and (hopefully) we will be given some part to play in the event.

At the same meeting we met Tim Hodak who has recently moved, with his wife and two children, to rural Ashe County. He works for the VA national organization and was able to move here from Northern Virginia when his job was changed to allow him to work from home. While he has no responsibilities relating to our area, he has offered his considerable expertise and has already provided valuable support. I tried to recruit him but he was an enlisted Marine and never held a Commission or Warrant.

At this same meeting we began discussions on creating a council of representatives from the various Military Organizations with the goal of mutual support and planning events where we all work together. Missy and Tim offered to support this initiative and will be powerful allies. One long range goal is to have Ashe County set aside a meeting space for the exclusive use of the local Military organizations. While we all enjoy our social gatherings, it would be nice to also have the option of a private space where we could have a speaker, as in the past, have a business meeting or just be able to be loud and greet each other freely. Again, I'll keep you posted on our progress.

So, think about these initiatives, how would you like to see them organized, what can we do to support them, would you like to play a part in these activities? If you have suggestions, let me know. Steve Tucker (rstuckerpe@hotmail.com) 828-264-3222.

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