

North Carolina Council of Chapters
1st Quarterly Executive Committee Meeting

17 March 2017

The Executive Committee meeting on 17 March 2017 was called to order by President Doug Ehrhardt at 1600 in The Wingate by Wyndham Hotel in Greensboro, NC. After roll call by Secretary Carol Aljets, he determined that there was sufficient attendance for a quorum at this time.

President Ehrhardt gave the committee a list of his activities for both MOAA and other military activities since November. Besides attending NC COC activities such as meetings for State Convention Planning in Pinehurst, Budgetary Meeting with George Brudzinski, he also attended several chapter officer installations. The first chapter officer installation where Doug did the installation was in Charlotte, on January 15, 2017 then on to Catawba Valley on January 26, Hickory and lastly for this time period was Coastal Carolina Chapter on March 16 in New Bern.

His other military activities included four trips driving the DAV van to the VA Hospital in Johnson City, TN. He also added the 4th Branch meeting on January 11 in Raleigh and the NCV C Quarterly Meeting on January 23 in Raleigh. Then of course, he attended all New River Chapter events and meetings.

Doug will also be Storming the Hill in April so of course he will be preparing for this event. Also joining him this year will be a new member to the National MOAA Board of Directors, our own Jeri Graham and Ed Baisden. They will be central to the North Carolina group trying to visit all the individuals from North Carolina serving in the Senate and House.

The MOAA dinner guest speaker tonight is LG Walt Ulmer who will be introduced by Piedmont Chapter President Lee Richmond. They are expecting over 70 attendees at the dinner.

Jeri Graham brought up the topic of becoming more involved in the 4th Branch and Engage personally. This is the only way that MOAA members and others who wish to have power at the state level can become effective. We have to let our legislators know what we need. Now working with Greer-Bate Consulting and have a new lobbyist. Yet, Jeri and Ed Baisden have found personal lobbying to be more effective if possible. Jeri is also attending NARFE meetings in various parts of the state and will let chapters know when she is in their area for that.

Doug and Jim Jackson are working hard on the 2017 State Convention Planning and there is a big push for Chapter Presidents to make sure to let the members of their chapters know this is for everyone in MOAA and that it will be a great opportunity to meet new National leadership and have a good family time.

Harley Ellinger just touched on 2017 Congressional issues and as of this moment one of the biggest problems for the National Defense Act of 2018 is the Sequester. There has been a 31% rise in the usage of the Choice Program but there are still problems with it. Harley will talk more about these issues tomorrow.

David Lee stated that the chapters are not reporting gains to MOAA National very well since the state council has yet to receive a check from them for membership.

George Brudzinski gave a short budget report. There was an actual \$800 loss in 2016 and he will talk about the 2017 budget tomorrow.

David Lee has been meeting with Eastern Carolina since Gloria Shaberg has resigned as president and no one has taken over the position.

Our next COC meeting will be at Tarheel Central. Since having it in April as Greg Bean wanted is not a good time with the close proximity to the last meeting, storming the hill, etc. it was agreed the next meeting will be in May. The Piedmont Club where it has been held for years is closed to outside activities so the new location will be Hampton Bermuda Run. Details will be on the web. May is usually the month when the chapter passes out scholarships to their schools and will thus be a part of our program in May.

Doug dismissed the meeting at 1700 as we could get ready for the dinner and program tonight.

Respectfully submitted:

Doug Ehrhardt

President

Carol Aljets

Secretary