



## SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, DINNER MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Tuckers and called to order at 1800 by President Wayne Watson who welcomed all members and guests. Thirty-two people attended.

The Invocation was given by Wayne Watson followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by ROTC Army Cadet Jacob Crawford.

Howard introduced two returning members, Captain Lena Jones and her husband, Jim Jones.

Tom Turner asked members if they would, in the future, follow the instructions in the Newsletter about the need to RSVP for the dinner/luncheon meetings.

Alan Erisman confirmed that veterans will receive a pay increase in January.

Wayne told the members that at long last Agent Orange and Burn Pit veterans will be compensated for their injuries.

Webmaster Angie Pellegrini was presented with the five-star Colonel Marvin J. Harris Communications Award.

Tom vonKaenel thanked the Piedmont MOAA for the \$250 contribution to the Suicide Prevention organization. Both Janelle and Dale attended the suicide prevention seminar, and both were impressed with the professionalism of the group.

Wayne asked members to think about the replacement of Board Officers. The By-Laws indicate that it is time for new members to be elected. Daniel Tollison agreed to take over the Treasurer's position from Tom Turner.

The members were in favor of adding the Space Force as the 7th Uniform Service.

Also, the members were in favor of changing the name of Auxiliary Members to Surviving Spouse. These changes will be made to the bi-laws during the next Board Meeting in October.

The Guest Speakers from Clemson ROTC were introduced. Both cadets were awarded the MOAA Medal.

The first speaker was ROTC Air Force Cadet Josiah Lamont. He spoke of his family and his involvement with the Civil Air Patrol which was the catalyst for his studies in computer science and cyber security.

The second speaker was ROTC Army Cadet Jacob Crawford. He also spoke of his family and thanked the members for the MOAA scholarship. Jacob is a senior at Clemson and is studying chemical engineering.

The door prize was won by Tom vonKaenel.

The meeting adjourned at 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jacobs, Secretary

Note: The Business Checking Account has an available balance of \$4,469.17.