



## JANUARY 19, 2023 LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Occasions and called to order at 1140 by President Wayne Watson who welcomed all members and guests.

Chaplain Gordon Johnson delivered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance lead by Penny Schriver.

Wayne introduced new members Larry and Susan Murdock and guest Jim Walker. Each gave a brief personal history.

Wayne made a few opening comments and notified the membership that this was his last meeting as President.

Lunch was served.

The Guest Speaker, Sam Boone, was introduced by Wayne Watson. Military Chaplain Colonel Sam Boone serves on the SC Council Board and the Military Chaplains Association in Columbia. He is also part of MOAA at the national level. Sam spoke extensively on legislative affairs to include the importance of increasing membership and the problems associated with Tricare for Life. MOAA has been the top lobbyist for the last sixteen years. MOAA has over 350,000 members, and Sam believes it is at the local chapters where progress begins.

The Secretary called up the newly elected officers to be sworn in by Sam Boone. Colonel Mel Case, President; Colonel Wayne Beam, Vice President; and Major Daniel Tollison, Treasurer affirmed their appointments.

George Bailey was presented an award for being the longest serving member of the Piedmont Chapter MOAA.

Chaplain Gordon Johnson gave the Benediction.

Pins were exchanged between former President Wayne Watson and incoming President Mel Case.

President Mel Case gave a brief statement and adjourned the meeting at 1:30.

Penny Schriver won the door prize.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jacobs, Secretary