

# MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS

FT JACKSON, SC FEB. 16, 2013

MEETING OPENED AT 1015 HRS.

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

DICK PALMER IS THE NEW WEBMASTER.

SECRETARY HAD NO REMARKS.

TREASURER'S REPORT (ATTACHED TO MASTER)

STAN SCHAETZLE, FORMER PRESIDENT, DIED AND THE SERVICES WERE FEB. 16<sup>TH</sup>.

"BULK MAILING" IS NOW CALLED "PRE-SORTED STANDARD". USUALLY COSTS 11-12 CENTS A PIECE TO MAIL. SOME CHAPTERS USE STRICTLY E-MAIL AND SOME USE "PRE-SORTED STANDARD" TO GET THEIR LETTERS OUT TO MEMBERS. EACH CHAPTER MUST DECIDE WHICH IS BEST FOR THEM.

THE STATE CONVENTION IS TO BE IN GREENVILLE OCTOBER 6-8 AT THE HYATT.

### DISCUSSION:

--BRING IN CURRENT SOLDIERS AND AMPUTEES TO INTRODUCE.

--BRING IN GOLD STAR MOTHERS.

--PEOPLE WANT A SPACE-A BRIEFING FROM CHARLESTON.

--INVITE SURVIVING SPOUSE OF THE LTG KILLED IN THE PENTAGON ON 9/11.

--VA REP FOR BENEFITS BRIEFING

--INVITE ADM RYAN TO BE GUEST SPEAKER AT BANQUET

--ASK SEN TIM SCOTT TO BE A SPEAKER

THE COUNCIL VOTED TO GIVE \$1000 AS SEED MONEY TO GREENVILLE.

THE CHAPTER CONFERENCE COORDINATOR TALKED ABOUT THE ADS FOR CONFERENCE BOOKS. THE BANQUET WILL BE FORMAL AND THE THEME WILL BE "MEMORIES". HOTEL RESERVATIONS CAN BE MADE DIRECTLY WITH THE HYATT.

THE LOW COUNTRY CHAPTER VOLUNTEERED TO HANDLE THE MEMORIAL SERVICE. THERE WILL ALSO BE THE "MISSING MAN" TABLE.

BUSINESS:

THE FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION WILL BE HELD JUNE 7-9 IN SARASOTA, FL. WE WILL BUY A ONE HALF PAGE ADVERTISEMENT IN THEIR BOOK, AND THEY WILL BUY A FULL PAGE IN OURS. VOTED TO APPROVE THIS PLAN.

IN AUGUST WE VOTED TO BUY SERVICE FLAGS. NOW WE VOTED TO "PRESS ON" AND GET THEM. DALE WILL BE THE CUSTODIAN OF THE FLAGS.

CHAPTER NEWS:

SANTEE-WATEREE—TALKED ABOUT STAN'S MEMORIAL SERVICE.

DANIEL MORGAN—NOW HAS 90 MEMBERS

GRAND STRAND—HAS ANOTHER VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTY WHICH IS A SCAM. THEIR CHAPTER IS AGAINST THEM.

GREENVILLE—BENEFITS GOTTEN FROM THE MOAA NATIONAL BRIEFING

PIEDMONT—JROTC WON A REGIONAL ORIENTEERING CONTEST. THE CHAPTER DONATED TO THIS EFFORT. CHANGED THEIR BY-LAWS TO RECOGNIZE "ASSOCIATE MEMBERS".

AIKEN—HAS HAD GOOD SPEAKERS AT THEIR FUNCTIONS. HAD A CHRISTMAS DINNER TO SUPPORT VA. SPONSOR 12 HIGH SCHOOL JROTC UNITS. NOV 6 WILL BE 50 YEARS OLD. PLANNING A BIG DINNER.

KEOWEE—75% OF RETIREES DON'T KNOW ABOUT MOAA. THEY MEET ONLY FOUR TIMES A YEAR.

STAR FORT—NEW VET CENTER (NOT VA) IN GREENWOOD. INCREASED DUES FROM \$10 TO \$20.

COLUMBIA—INCREASED MEMBERSHIP 5% AND REVITALIZED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM.

LOW COUNTRY—PARTICIPATED IN WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA AND IN SEVERAL SOCIAL EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. TRYING LUNCHEONS AND THIS MONTH WILL BE THE FIRST.

DALE—MOTION TO HONOR BY DONATING \$100 TO MOAA NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

-- CHAPTER PRESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED DATES FOR RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY.

--STORMING THE HILL IS APRIL 15.

-- THE NE REGIONAL PRESIDENTS' SYMPOSIUM IS IN HERSHEY, PA ON SEP 26-29.

DICK PALMER—NEW WEBMASTER. GAVE A BRIEFING ON THE NEW WEBSITE.

DAVID LOBB—VET RALLY ON THE STEPS OF THE CAPITOL ON APRIL 24 FROM 1000-1300.

-- SENATE BILL TO HAVE THE AG APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR.

-- HOUSE BILL TO GIVE IN STATE RATES TO VETERANS COMING TO STUDY IN SC.

--THE NEW DISTINGUISHED WARFARE MEDAL THAT HAS COME OUT WITH A VERY HIGH PRECEDENCE IS CREATING FUROR. WE DO NOT SUPPORT IT.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE MAY 11, 2013

MEETING ADJOURNED

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