

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS  
FT JACKSON, SC MAY 12, 2012

MEETING OPENED AT 1015 HRS.  
PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE  
SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE NOT HERE FOR VARIOUS REASONS.

CALL FOR THE MINUTES. THERE WAS DISCUSSION AS TO WHETHER THEY SHOULD BE ON THE WEBPAGE OR HARD COPY AT THE MEETINGS. IT WAS AGREED TO SEND TO THE WEBMASTER AND SHE WOULD NOTIFY THE E-BOARD AND CHAPTER PRESIDENTS THAT IT WAS AVAILABLE. MINUTES WERE APPROVED.

BIG DISCUSSION AS TO ELECTRONIC NOTIFICATIONS TO NATIONAL MOAA, BROUGHT OUT THAT THERE ARE SOME DISCREPANCIES IN THE SYSTEM WITH MOAA. CHAPTER UPDATES SHOULD INCLUDE THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

TREASURER'S REPORT SHOWED A TOTAL IN CHECKING ACCOUNT OF \$7239.23. DUES FOR THE CHAPTERS DEPENDS ON THE MEMBERSHIP AS OF DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup> EACH YEAR

**OLD BUSINESS:**

TALKED ABOUT 501(C) 3 [NON PROFIT STATUS] FOR CHAPTERS. SOME CHAPTERS HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THIS, BUT OTHERS HAVE NOT. FRED BOSARGE BROUGHT UP THE THOUGHT THAT NATIONAL MOAA SHOULD HELP CHAPTERS. THEY HAVE ADDRESSED, BUT FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE IS IN THE "TOO HARD TO DO PILE".

DALE ATTENDED THE SC NATIONAL GUARD CONFERENCE IN ASHVILLE MAR 30-1 APR. MOAA PAID FOR OUR VENDOR TABLE AT \$600. GOT 10 NEW MEMBERS

FOR THE GREENVILLE CHAPTER. THE NEXT CONFERENCE WILL BE IN MYRTLE BEACH AND THEN CHARLESTON.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

STORMING THE HILL—BASICALLY THE SENATE IS STONEWALLING ANYTHING CONCERNING THE BUDGET. EVERYTHING BEING PATCHED, SO—NO BUDGET PROBABLY UNTIL THE 2012 ELECTIONS.

NEW “GIVE ME TEN” PROGRAM WILL BE LAUNCHED IN JAN 2013. THEORETICALLY GROW YOUR CHAPTER AND THEN THE CHAPTER GETS THE REQARD. THE OLD SYSTEM DID NOT WORK. CHAPTRS WERE NOT RECOGNIZED FOR GETTING NEW MEMBERS.

COMMUNITY BLUEPRINT—AIKEN IS REALLY INVOLVED WITH THEIR COMMUNITY. GRAND STRAND AND GREENVILLE ARE INVOLVED WITH THE HIGHLAND GAMES. MOAA “REINVENTED THE WHEEL” BY COMING OUT WITH A BLUEPRINT. MANY CHAPTERS, SUSPECT NATION WIDE, ARE INVOLVED WITH THEIR COMMUNITIES.

MOAA WANTS A CHAPTER IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. WE NEED SOMETHING IN ROCK HILL AND FLORENCE.

THERE WAS A LADIES NIGHT AT THE COLUMBIA VAMC ON MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AND FT JACKSON SPONSORED THEIR ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY.

THERE IS A SCAM CURRENTLY GOING AROUND CALLED “DISABLED VET NATIONAL FOUNDATION” THEY DO NOT GIVE MONEY TO VETERANS. ACTUALLY, THERE ARE SEVERAL SCAMS ALWAYS OUT THERE. BE CAREFUL.

FT JACKSON ARMY BIRTHDAY BALL WILL BE AT THE COLUMBIA CONVENTION CENTER. IT IS THE ARMY’S 237<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY.

### **CHAPTER NEWS:**

KATIE DANNER PRESENTED A REPORT FOR THE STATE CONFERENCE IN GREENVILLE IN 2013 AT THE GREENVILLE HYATT. SHE COVERED SEVERAL AREAS AS TO THE CONTRACT, GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE SCHEDULE, VENDORS, AND SOME OF THE LOGISTICAL ISSUES INVOLVED. SHE GAVE OUT A HANDOUT, "CONFERENCE 2013 COMMITTEE REPORT # 1" TO EVERYONE. THEY WANTED TO INVITE ROTC AND JROTC STUDENTS, BUT IS WAS DECIDED TO INVITE ALL FOUR YEAR ROTC STUDENTS WITHIN A ONE HOUR DRIVING RADIUS, BUT NOT JROTC STUDENTS.

GRAND STRAND—MILITARY APPRECIATION DAYS ARE THE MONTH OF MAY. THE 26<sup>TH</sup> IS THE 5K RUN. WWII VETS WILL GO ON HOHOR FLIGHT TO DC ON MAY 23<sup>RD</sup>. THEY ARE INVOLVED WITH THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROGRAM. PEGGY MENTIONED THAT THY HAVE HAD THEIR FIRST AUXILLARY MEETING AND THE SECOND WILL BE IN JUNE.

STAR FORT—THIS IS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY YEAR. TRYING TO BUILD A GALA, BUT NOT SURE WHAT TO DO FOR THIS ANNIVERSARY. WHEN FORMED WE ENVISIONED SORT OF A SUPPER CLUB. TRYING TO GAIN REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE COMMUNITY AND THE VETERANS COALITION. WITH ONLY FIVE MEETINGS A YEAR, IT IS HARD TO GAIN ANY MOMENTUM. LOOKING FOR WAYS TO FILL THE GAP.

TOOK A BREIF RECESS TO THE CHAPTERS TO PRESENT TO ERNIE BROCKMAN FROM CHARLESTON AN AWARD FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER AND ALSO RUNNER UP FOR THEIR WEBSITE.

ALSO AN AWARD FOR THEIR NEWSLETTER FOR LOW WOUNTRY

SANTEE-WATEREE—HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THEIR POLITICIANS. USUALLY CAN'T GET A GOOD ATTENDANCE UNLESS THERE IS SOMETHING SPECIAL. WE HAVE TYPICAL PROBLEMS OF GETTING PEOPLE OUT.

DANIEL MORGAN—JOE GALLOWAY THE AUTHOR OF THE BOOK “WE WERE SOLDIERS ONCE, AND YOUNG” WILL BE GUEST SPEAKER IN JUNE. ALL ARE INVITED. MOVIE “WE WERE SOLDIERS” CAME FROM THE BOOK.

KEOWEE—BIG DROP IN MEMBERSHIP. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE NEED TO DO A NEWSLETTER. THEY ARE DOING WELL WITH COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND HELPING WITH OTHER VET PROGRAMS.

GREENVILLE—BRENDA JUST FINISHED UP WITH CONFERENCE ITEMS. WE ARE VERY ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY WITH THEIR EVENTS.

AIKEN—PRESENT AWARDS TO JROTC UNITS. WILL HAVE A MEMORIAL DAY PARADE ON THE 26<sup>TH</sup>. GRAND MARSHALL IS MAJ GEN PERRY SMITH. COMING UP ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY IN 2013.

COLUMBIA—BUSINESS AS USUAL. SEE DEMINISHED NUMBERS AT FUNCTIONS. GAVE OUT 70 GOLD BARS, BUT MOST OF THEM LEAVE.

CHARLESTON—EXPECTS A DINNER MEETING IN MOVEMBER. GAVE 133 GOLD BARS, BUT ALSO, MANY LEAVE. WE WORK WITH TOYS FOR TOTS EVERY YEAR AND PROVIDE TOYS AND A BIG DONATION TO THE MARINES. WE SUPPORT 24 JROTC UNITS, MAKE VAMC VISITS, AND PROVIDE TWO SCHOLARSHIPS.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

PEGGY GAVE A SHORT BRIEF ON THE WEBPAGE.

DALE MENTIONED THAT JOHN CULLY WORKS TRAVELS WITH MOAA TRAVEL, AND “ICE” WILL GIVE REWARDS TO THE CHAPTERS FOR USING MOAA TRAVEL.

**DATES FOR THE CONFERENCE WERE FINALIZED AS OCT 6-9, 2013**

DAVID LOBB GAVE A SHORT BRIEF ON THE VETERANS RALLY IN COLUMBIA. THERE WAS A GOOD TURNOUT, BUT NOT FROM MOAA. THERE WERE ONLY

FOUR THERE. TALKED WITH JOE WILSON ABOUT FUNDING FOR TRICARE. HE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNICATING WITH OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS ON ISSUES CONCERNING VETERANS.

JOHN ALLEN TALKED ABOUT HB 2146 AND ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TAG ONS.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1300 HRS.