

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
SOUTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHAPTERS
FT JACKSON, SC MAY 10, 2014

Meeting opened at 10:17

Prayer and pledge by Warren Benson

Several chapters were not present.

Minutes and budget both approved.

Warren discussed the IRS 501 (c) 3. Filing for the state either “for profit” or” non-profit”. For the council he recommended “non-profit”. Nothing prohibiting “SC Council of MOAA”. We voted to be non-profit.

Dale’s comments:

GOVX.COM is a webpage to get good information and military info. He will put out some information to everyone about the 50th anniversary coming up. There is a driver program being held at Dorn VAMC on May 30th. The state’s Local Government Fund (LGF) and each county’s CVAO will be affected. Email from Carol Robertson, MOAA Nat’l, SE Presidents seminar will be at the Hyatt River Front in Jacksonville, FL on Sep 5-6, mail your registration and intent in now space is limited. There was a big discussion as to how MOAA updates their list of officers at the national level and importance having it being kept current. Carolina Celebration of Liberty on Sunday May 20th. Dale is sending out a complete list of chapter presidents. Georgia is hosting a 4-night cruise as their Conference. The Augusta chapter will be the host. Will we

support the GA request for a full page black & white ad in their conference magazine for \$100. The vote passed.

David Lobb comments:

Vet Awareness Day on the steps of the statehouse is April 23rd.

He then updated us on some state and federal bills of interest.

Two state bills, one for state income tax exemptions which has passed the house and is waiting in the senate, and another for GI bill instate tuition is still being worked. At the federal level, in the reductions from Secretary Hagel, there will be no changes in benefits this year. The VA was discussed and whether Sec Shinseki should resign. (He has already resigned as of these minutes)

CHAPTER NOTES:

Columbia is in the process of doing their annual awards but MOAA is not supporting the gold bar program.

Charleston—SAF, the USAFA Superintendent, and Sen. Tim Scott attended their dinner at Patriots Point.

Star Fort now has their challenge coins for sale.

Grand Strand is still presenting their school awards and the gold bars. The month of May is “Military Days” in Myrtle Beach and the chapter is sponsoring a golf tournament on May 22nd.

Greenville—Recruited 15 new members to national and some in the local chapter. Presenting awards to 12 schools in Greenville. Doing essays for cash awards. May 22 program will be with a General officer.

Beaufort—Beaufort national cemetery is running out of space, and can arrange for space. Next year is the 50th anniversary. There will be some sort of celebration. We are getting more MOAA items for sale.

Aiken—Saratoga War Horse—120 people showed and JROTC awards were given. Joe Wilson is normally there, but could not make it this time. Had a Memorial Day Parade (only one of three in the state). Trust Fund funding for it was turned down.

Dale presented national chapter certificates/awards:

Grand Strand- 1st runner up, communication for newsletter and 2nd runner up for their online website, in Category 100-125 membership.

Greenville 1st Place, Communications Award for their website in Category 150 +.

Motion was made and seconded to making our webmaster the POC for him to work on the site with Google. Vote passed

Meeting adjourned at 1207 hrs.

Next meeting, August 9, 2014.

Submitted VR

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