

WNC MOAA General Membership Meeting Minutes

22 February 2020

Hendersonville Country Club

Meeting was called to order by President Donna Culp at 1200 hours.

Parading of the Colors – East Hendersonville JJROTC Color Guard

Pledge of Allegiance – Donna Culp

Blessing – Nancy McCarthy

Introduction of Guests and New Members

President's Welcome and Comments -partisan

- Encouraged all members to vote in this year's elections.
- Read an excerpt from MOAA website reminding everyone that as an affiliate of MOAA we are an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

Announcements and Updates were as follows:

- WNC MOAA Legislative Affairs – Presented by Brian Johnson
 - Expansion of the Legislative Affairs committee
 - Increased from one person to a three person committee
 - Chair – Brian Johnson
 - National Issues – Vivianne Wersel
 - State Issues – Michael Padgett
 - Local Issues – Brian Johnson
 - WNC MOAA Webmaster – John Culp
 - Provided a power point presentation showing what the cover page of the updated website looks like.
 - Provided a brief overview of the website as it currently stands, with ongoing updates.
 - Introduced the WNC MOAA Logo (a large and small version)
 - Gave everyone the website information for quick access as soon as it goes live.

President suspended the meeting to allow everyone present to get their lunch at the Buffet (1230-1300).

1300 Introduction of Guest Speaker

President introduced the guest speaker, Emmett Casciatio, Curator of the Veterans Museum of the Carolinas, from Brevard, NC

Mr. Casciatio provided the inspiration and the journey of the museum since it's early beginnings as a hobby. Following Mr. Casciatio's presentation he presented a video sharing the continued inspiration and vision for continued expansion and a new site with a new building. Completing his presentation, the book, "Welcome Home Brother – Memoirs of Vietnam War Veterans" by Michel Robertson was presented to President, Donna Culp as a gift to the chapter.

1400 – President, Donna Culp announced:

- The next scheduled guest speaker representing the VRQ
 - Tim McElyea – Director of the VRQ
 - Angela Pennell – Director of Steadfast House/Transformation Village (NEW initiative)
- Completed the raffle
- Announced the outcome of the Veterans Christmas Wreaths for Black Mountain Cemetery – 247 wreaths/over 60% of the wreaths were provided by WNC MOAA
- On behalf of Mrs. Elaine Moore, wife of Dr. P.J. Moore invited everyone to Dr. Moore's 100th birthday, 15 March 2020
- Provided announcement of Mike Halus, VSO for DAV Chapter 14 of Hendersonville, he was available after the meeting to answer Veteran's issues questions.

1430 President, Donna made a motion to conclude the meeting. Motion seconded and declared unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 1430.