

Western NC Chapter MOAA
Annual Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday – 15 November 2025
12:00 PM – 2:15 PM
Champion Hills Country Club

Steve Watkins called to order the annual chapter business meeting of the WNC-MOAA at 12:00 PM immediately followed by Presentation of the Colors by TC Roberson High School Air Force JROTC Color Guard. All meeting attendees then joined together to recite the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Invocation.

Steve Watkins introduced new members and the guests in attendance.

New Members:

Col Jim Gough, USMV

LTC John Czarnecki, USA

Capt Rachel Ingram, USAF

Guest of Honor: Jay G (Immediate Past President of the NC Council of Chapters)

Announcements:

1. VRQ Christmas Drive kicked off today and will end Dec 3rd with a drive in gift drop off at Guidon Brewery. Also accepting donations through Cheddar Up.
2. Reviewed the 2025 grants and donations awarded to various veteran groups and individuals.
3. John O'Donnell reviewed status of the Smokey Mountain Satellite Chapter.
4. Jim Gough reported the Black Mountain VFW has reopened after completing the repairs from Helene and offered an invitation for all to visit the updated facility.

Following a buffet lunch of salmon, beef, mashed potatoes and roasted veggies along with salad and desert Steve opening the formal meeting.

1. Attendance was confirmed at 28 members in good standing and a quorum was declared by Steve Watkins in accordance with the chapter bylaws.
2. Doug Abbotts presented his Treasurer report to the attendees declaring the chapter's balance sheet is in good financial health.
3. Membership report: Current membership stands at 126
4. Steve presented National MOAA Certificates of Appreciation to Herb Mensch & Jeff Snyder for their many years of dedicated service and contributions to the chapter. Doug Abbott & Kevin Ritter received an award for their service and contributions to the chapter over the past two years.
5. Items requiring Chapter Member approval
 - a. The 2026 Dues proposal was approved 28-0 remaining as \$35 for regular members, \$10 for surviving spouse and free for members over 90 with 5 or more years of prior membership.
 - b. Bylaws updates were approved 28-0

c. Election of 2026-2027 Officers & Directors were approved 28-0

6. Elected:

Steve Watkins	President
Jeff Snyder	1 st VP/Programs/Meetings Chair
Vacant	2 nd VP/Membership Chair
Steve Salter	Treasurer
Joe Neubert	Secretary

Directors:

Rod Honeycutt	US Army Rep
John Odell	US Navy Rep
Jim Gough	USMC Rep
Vic Marshall	USAF Rep
Jim Steinbaugh	At Large Rep
Donna Culp	Immediate Past President

7. Swearing in of the 2026-2027 Officers & Directors was conducted by the outgoing President of the NC Council of Chapters Jay Garbus, USA (Ret).

Steve Watkins adjourned the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Joe Neubert – Secretary

Minutes approved by: Steve Watkins – President