

## **17 AUG 22 SENCLAND Board Meeting**

1. Called to order at ~ 10:15 by Pres. Irrera (agenda and slides e-mailed in advance).
2. PRESENT: Pres. Joe Irrera; 2d V/P Doug Holdstein, USA Dir. Tom Jones, USN Dir. Tom Welke, USCG Dir. Frank Roberts, Treasurer Anna Marie Allegretto, Legislative Affairs Chair Barry Coyle, Wellness Chair Leon Rooks, Outreach Chair Mike Apicella, JROTC Chair Lee Hanna, Veteran Scholarship Chair Chrissy Sanford, Special Events Chair Irene Glaeser, Newsletter Editor Allan Turner, Webmaster Allen Allegretto, Surviving Spouse Liaison Sandi Adams, Outreach Committee Guy Simmons, Nametags Chris Moran, member Leslie Roberson, Sec’y Bob Doleman.
3. Pres. noted this chapter had received another MOAA 5 Star Level of Excellence Award; and initiated a discussion on the modified LOE submission process.
4. Minutes of the 25 May board meeting (emailed 29 May) were noted. **MSP** to accept.
5. Finances (slide 4): Treasurer noted chapter is in solid financial position; explained budget worksheet changes; noted bank balance of \$25,967. (Webmaster noted that the board has access to the “one drive” on the web site as a reference file and that products can be added and deleted.)
6. Membership (slide 5 thru 14): Pres. presented these slides noting that recruitment is still essential and going well (2d V/P Holdstein volunteered to fill the vacant USMC Dir. Position).
7. Legislative Affairs (slide 15): Chair Coyle noted that the PACT act was passed and signed; commented on the Cp LeJeune water issue, suggesting that claims should be made with the VA rather than law firms – the sooner the better.
8. Programs & Special Events (slide 16): Chair Glaeser commented on the Bahamas cruise. (USCG Dir. Roberts commented that there was going to be a VEAC –Veterans Entitlement Action Center – at American Legion Post 10 in NOV; more to be revealed.)
9. Pres. asked VVA member Doleman to comment on their chapter’s fund-raising golf tournament in OCT. He said he was asking for the event flyers to be sent to chapter members. Granted (also to be in newsletter).
10. Wellness (slides 17 & 18): Chair Rooks noted that Joanne Schroetel was leaving the hospital, that Dave Gould is recuperating well at home, that he can’t contact Wolfe or Hewitt; and that he has spouse contacts. and that the “INDEF” ID cards will have to be replaced and appointments are required suggesting using the RAPIDS system to do that. Surviving Spouse Liaison Adams asked that she be able to make a presentation to a regular chapter meeting.
11. Outreach (slide 19): Chair Apicella noted the program has \$1,000 from MOAA, \$2,000 from SENCLAND and \$1,500 from a “local” fund; is looking for beneficiaries – which must have a veteran connection.
12. Veteran Education Assistance Grants (slides 20 thru 22): Chair Sanford:
  - a. Noted the budget of \$11,000; grants being awarded near Veterans Day; the VVA donations will be given by VVA personnel; also noted that the Patriots Foundation remains a possible source of funds.
  - b. Honor Flight: she noted that applications for the 2023 flight should be available in a few weeks.

- c. BG Carper Award: up to \$6,300 in donations now; working with the family on these awards; noted this fund will be budgeted at a minimum of \$1,000 annually regardless of donations.
13. JROTC Awards (slides 23 & 24): Chair Hanna noted all awards have been given out this year. USCG Dir. Roberts asked if Naval Cadets could be included in this system – will work with Hanna on this.
14. Pres. raised the question of making donations to the local Marine Corps League. Consensus “No.”
15. Suspense Dates (slide 25): Pres. Noted them and then proposed a “Fallen Heroes” section on the SENCLAND web site of passed chapter members, with a photo, obit, comments on the anniversaries of said passings. **MSP** To create such a web site section. Responsible persons to be identified.
16. 18 Around the Table (slide 26):
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> V/P Holdstein noted that the MOAA “equity/diversity” seems to have quieted; that ~ 25% of the housing on Cp LeJeune is moldy and that MOAA is taking notice of this national issue. Chair Coyle noted that he had not seen any legislative actions in this area.
  - b. USCG Dir. Roberts noted there is now JROTC on Topsail Island; that the Sea Cadet “supervisor” here in Guy Simmons; suggested putting this info in the newsletter.
  - c. USN Dir. Welke noted \_\_\_\_\_ (?)
  - d. Surviving Spouse Liaison Adams commented on a tour of Cameron Art Museum.
  - e. Special Events Chair Glaeser suggested having a raffle as a fundraiser – no action taken.
17. Pres. noted next meeting would be WED, 16 NOV at 10 am, same library.
18. Adjourned at ~ 12: 15.

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, 21 AUG 22

Robert D. Doleman, Sec’y