

SUSQUEHANNA CHAPTER, MOAA General Membership Meeting 21 July 2021

Call to Order Cathy Hampton called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM using Zoom technology. Attendees Cathy Hampton, Bill Beddow, Mort Brisker, Larry Archer, Ted Newing, Bob Beahm, Frank King, Connie Richardson, Keith Reagan, John Booth, Nancy Denton, Bill Johnston, Richard Carey and Mike Early from the Chapter and the speaker Bob Norton.

Pledge of Allegiance Keith Reagan

Moment of Silence and Invocation Cathy Hampton

President's Remarks (Cathy Hampton) This meeting included a vote on approval of the revised bylaws which was a product of chapter initiatives and to better conform to National model for chapters. The bylaws were distributed to all members prior to the meeting as prescribed by the current bylaws. Cathy explained and conducted a vote. The bylaws were approved by unanimous vote.

Program Summary Frank King introduced Bob Norton, President of the Maryland Council of Chapters (MCC) for MOAA and the President of the Maryland Military Coalition. (MMC). Bob Norton started his presentation by announcing that the Chapter will be awarded the MOAA Five Star Level of Excellence award at the national meeting.

Bob summarized the MCC as a group that coordinates the support of legislative activities that further the MOAA objectives; provides a forum for chapters to share best practices and to provide information on future actions.

Bob explained the MMC and actions. The MMC is a coalition of 17 veterans organizations representing about 150,000 veterans and/or the spouses. Bob reviewed the legislative actions supported by the MMC and where the MMC prevailed and where more work was needed to succeed in the future.

Bob explained the importance of contacting legislators at all levels to support initiatives of interest. He asked members to use the MMC social media and influence the legislators to also follow the MMC social media.

Closing Remarks: Cathy Hampton thanked Bob for the presentation and Frank King presented a Certificate of Appreciation. The Chapter will make a donation in Bob's name to the MOAA Scholarship Fund.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM

Michael Early, Secretary