



VETERANS COUNCIL OF CHATHAM COUNTY  
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SAVANNAH, GA 31416  
Joe Higgins, Chairman  
(THE VOICE OF 28 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS)

Minutes of the 2 December 2024 VCofCC meeting;

- The meeting was called to order at 1900 hours by Chairman Joe Higgins at American Legion Post 184. The meeting was recorded live on Facebook.
- Lou Buckner- gave the opening invocation.
- The National Anthem was played, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The POW/MIA flag was posted by Sr. Vice-Vejar.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Guest: Katie Kasey with Girl Scouts working on her gold award which is for Child & Teen mental health, she is doing a shoe donation that can be used or gently worn. Also, she is collecting any scrapbooking supplies. Any and all donations are to be collected by January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Guest: CSM Favor- 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of each Month is 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Tree Lighting/ Frosty Market Thursday, Dec 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm
  - Toy drive cut off for donations Dec 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Gate hours will be changing for Wilson Gate- shutdown on Dec 16-Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - 160<sup>th</sup> & Rangers Toy Drop: Dec 18<sup>th</sup> WEATHER DEPENDING (time was not announced)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Guest: Col Berryman- Winn Army Hospital Vs Navel Hospital of Beaufort: Pregame between the hospitals on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 am Memorial Stadium gates open at 9:30 am.

Guest List read

Roll Call- By Sr. Vice Vekar

Treasurer Report: Start: \$15,830.30

End: \$8,898.69

### Committee Reports:

Sr Vice: No report

Jr Vice: Brady- Award presented by Chairman Higgins from Senator Jon Ossoff's office. Thanked everyone for having him as Grand Marshall for the 2024 Parade.

Jr Vice: Noel- Recognized that this was the 10<sup>th</sup> year Wal-Mart held the lunch 2 awards were presented by the Dept of American Legion & Commander as a Thank You 1<sup>st</sup> for the conference room and 2<sup>nd</sup> for their leaders.

Parade Adj-McGrath- asked for anyone who helped put on the Parade to stand up and be recognized. Also wanted to recognize Chairman Joe Higgins & Commander of 135-Mike Ball for announcing.

Sickness & Distress: Walt Harber is in Hospital, Jim Allen with Hospice, Ken Henze is Hospitalized for infection, and Joe Markwalter still recovering from a Stroke.

### Old Business:

\*Recognized 2024-2025 Veteran of the Year: Ed Gizara & Award presented by Chairman Higgins from Senator Jon Ossoff's office.

\* Jr Vice Noel: Finalize slate of Officers for next year

Chairman- Joe Higgins

Sr Vice- Jim Vejar

Jr Vice- Mike Brady

Jr Vice- Harry Gardner

Secretary- Michelle Holton

Treasure- Tim Ansley

Motion from Jr Vice: Rich Noel 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Ball.

### New Business:

Sr Vice Vejar: motion for Council to set aside \$500 towards upcoming Veteran of Year upfront cost (sash, investiture, and any other cost) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mike Ball. Discussion: ongoing, previously the VOY that has been selected has had to pay for everything themselves. Motion Carries.

Jr Vice Noel: motion for Veterans Council to assume responsibility for coffin flags that fly over Broughton St. It has also been done by SAMS (Scottish American Military Society) 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eddie Patterson, asked what committee would fall under Jr Mike Brady: Veterans Day committee, was asked what the cost to maintain the flags. It depends on how many flags must be replaced. Motion Carries.

Mike Ball: motion to make a purchase of a service flag for each of the 7 Service Flags for the review stand. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Greg Kindred, Motion Carries.

### Announcement:

After the January Meeting- January 6th room will be cleared, 1 member from each Organization present for the Quarterly Meeting.

Wreaths Across America: Dec 14<sup>th</sup>. All locations (Savannah- American Legion Section

O, Ft. Stewart, Beaufort, Milledgeville) taking place at noon. If you would like to buy or donate see Michelle after the meeting and she can provide you with the link.

CWV: BC is having Gammon Day on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45.

Dog Detachment 564: Christmas Dinner- Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – Cost at \$30 at Carry Hillard's.

Reps from Beauty in Boots: giving away Baby Drive.

AL 184: Christmas Dance on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm-till midnight \$20 per person.

Post 500: doing a tailgate on Jan 18<sup>th</sup> at the Post

SGT. Matt Water's home build in Rincon is Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am- See Dave Willis he has more info on this.

Reading done by OC Fowler: Pearl Harbor Remembrance

Meal Tonight was provided by the Veterans Council- and cooked by Lance Farago  
Jan. Past Chairman

Joe Mitchler from VVA brought to the attention to the Veterans Council we were having issues with the brick company. It was being handled by Doug Andrew, but the Council is taking it back. We will be taking it under Council. We are looking for a new company to do the Bricks, as well as we need assistance when it comes to the installation.

Lou Buckner- gave the closing invocation  
Sr Vice Vejar- recovered POW/ MIA Flag

Meeting Closed at 7:49 pm  
Next Meeting Jan 6th, 2025

Secretary  
Michelle Holton