



VETERANS COUNCIL OF CHATHAM COUNTY, INC.

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Joe Higgins, Chairman

(THE VOICE OF 28 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS)

Minutes of the 7 July 2025 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.
- Chaplin Billy Cope- gave the opening invocation
- The National Anthem was played, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The POW/MIA flag posted by SR Vice Vejar
- Guest 1: OPFOB- Ridgeland, SC. An organization for Veterans & first responders that has fishing, shooting ranges on 268 acres. No cost.
- Guest 2: Josh Carter- from production company, Sept 6-14th, 2025. Ticket for troops- free for active duty & family. Fundraiser- Food trucks and auction will be on Sept 13th.
- Roll Call- By Sr Vice Vejar

Treasurer Report: from Chairman- Start \$11,779.41 End \$11,566.85

Sickness & Distress: Dave Bussing & Art Wright passed away from VFW 660

Committee Reports:

Sr Vice: Awards- all flags are finished for Broughton St and are ready for Veterans Day.

Jr Vice: Brady-

Jr Vice: Gardner- T-shirts& Tanks for sale \$25 each, available online, and will be mailed out to you. Organization Mascot name- Major Talon. [Shop - Veterans Council of Chatham County](#)

Activities- 2nd Harvest/ community service: this month, July, between 1st - 15th for VFW 4392, 16-31st Chatham Artillery. Dues are now available on our website for each organization to pay for 2026.

The Savannah Chamber of Commerce gave the Council a one-year membership for free. Will access going forward would be \$35.00 a year. Working on seeing if we can be a part of the Downtown Business Association since our parade runs downtown. And \$325 if we want to be a part of the Downtown Association.

Kendra Scott Sale- on Saturday, July 26th, from 1-4 pm, 20% of all sales will be donated back to the council.

Parade Adj-McGrath- absent – application/ads for Parade coming soon via email.

Ads will be due 1st week of October.

Veterans GALA- November 7th

Veterans Day Parade- November 11th

We are removing the WWI memorial service due to the low attendance.

[Home - Veterans Council of Chatham County](#)

(Click the link to see Community service)

Old Business:

Recognized 2024-2025 Veteran of the Year: Ed Gizara

Update your social Media.

Email events you would like us to add to the Master Calendar.

Recommendation from SR Vice for rewrite of council by-laws and JROTC being rewritten by Chairman.

New Business: None

Good of the Order:

After the August meeting will be the Quarterly meeting for the heads of each Organization.

Organization submissions for Veteran of the Year need to be submitted by September 1st prior to the start of the meeting.

An application for the Veterans Day Parade has been submitted by the Chairman.

Announcements:

Dog 564:

Parris Island Trip with Coachlight Tours LLC.
August 1st, 2025. Contact Elizabeth Kamalakis

Annual Raffle \$5.00/ticket

<https://www.zeffy.com/ticketing/marine-corps-leagues-annual-raffle--2025-2>

*****COUNCIL: KENDRA SCOTT on July 27 from 1 pm- 4 pm, 20% of sales will be donated back to the council.**

Meal Tonight was provided by: DAV Chapter 8

August Meal: DAV 97

September Meal: US Paratroopers

Chaplin-Billy Cope gave the closing invocation

SR Vice Vejar- recovered POW/ MIA Flag

Meeting closed at 7:32 pm

Next Meeting August 4th, 2025

Secretary

Michelle Holton