



Veterans Council of Chatham County

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Joe Higgins, Chairman

(THE VOICE OF 28 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS)



Minutes of the 5 January 2026 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.
- Lionel Marmolejo - gave the opening invocation.
- The Pledge of Allegiance, America the Beautiful was played by Ansley Holton. Then POW/MIA flag posted by Sr Vice Vejar.
- Swearing in New Officers for 2026.
- Chatham Artillery presented award to past Chairman Higgins for years of service.
- Notes Garrison Team- 2nd Harvest will be moved to Wednesday 14th of this month.
- Changing the times of All Gates- Wilson & Rio 24/7, Montgomery 05:30-17:30 as of 01/05/2026.
- Roll Call- By Sr Vice Vejar by order of Attendance.
- Dues are due by March
- Treasurer Report start: \$ 24,998.41 end: \$ 24,804.35
- Sickness & Distress: No one

Committee Reports;

Sr Vice: JROTC- nothing at this time.

Jr Vice: McGrath- nothing

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Old Business:

Recognized 2025-2026 Veteran of the Year: Sam Currie.

Get on social media. Get someone to help your organization to help.

New Business:

Updated 2nd Harvest Schedule will be sent out by Secretary.

Statement from Chairman- Challenge for the Organizations Outgoing active-duty military to engage with our current units. Speaking and connecting with other veterans in our area about the resources we have.

Good of the Order:

I am going to speak to city to see if organization can do service project for cleaning a park.

Transition assistance programs at Hunter & Stewart since we have no one at these events.

Fundraising- we are still doing this in the spring. Following year, the goal is a full week.

Sponsorships Badge on website or on windows and be color coded. (Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum-Platinum-\$10,000)

- Getting a Tent, Tablecloth- we don't have anything. Trifold with contact information for each units.

Announcements:

AL 135: Masquerade Ball February 14th 7-11

Navy League: OC has Navy Marine Corps Stickers

Meal Tonight was provided by: Veterans Council

Meal February: Catholic War Veterans

Meal March: American Legion 135

Dinner Hosts for Council Meals for 2026:

Jan- Veterans Council

Feb- Catholic War Vets 1943

Mar- American Legion 135

Apr- 8th AF Historical

May- Dog Co #564

Jun- VFW 660

July- Navy League

Aug- American Legion 500

Sept- Team Savannah

Oct- Scottish AM Society

Nov- Past Veterans of the year

Dec- Army Aviation Assoc

Lionel Marmolejo- gave the closing invocation

Sr Vice Vejar recovered POW/ MIA Flag

Meeting Closed at 7:34 pm

Next Meeting February 2th, 2026.

Secretary

Michelle Holton