



# Veterans Council of Chatham County

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Joe Higgins, Chairman

(THE VOICE OF 28 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS)



## **Minutes of the 1 December 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 & Sickness & distress Ed's Gizara Wife- Lorrie Mother is in Hospice, Henry Burgtiner- deceased, Ralph Fuller Heart- Trouble.
- The National Anthem was played, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The POW/MIA flag posted by Sr Vice Vejar.
- From Garrison Team- 2nd Harvest tomorrow Dec 2nd Volunteers Welcome but if you want food you need to get in line. Boss is taking over the 2nd Harvest community Service
- Winter Fest will be at Hunter Club inside Dec 10th 6-9pm outside will be the tree lighting ceremony
- Dec 16th SARS & Rangers Jumping & Santa Bunker- Feeding Kids at Club Stewart more details to come.
- Guest 2: Trista Crump from City of Port Wentworth- 53rd Annual Stand Up for America Day will be on April 25th, 2026.
- Guest 3: Amy Wylly Reagin from QRFup- Quick Reaction Force, crisis prevention & intervention for veterans and first responders.
- Guest List by Chairman
- Roll Call- By Sr Vice Vejar
- Treasurer Report start: \$ 12,664.86 end: \$19,613.68

## **Committee Reports:**

Sr Vice: JROTC- Come see me with awards

Jr Vice: Brady- thank you for the years as parade adj and as jr vice.

Jr Vice: Gardner - 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest community service 1-15<sup>th</sup>: Am Legion 36/BOSS, 16-31<sup>st</sup>: Gulfstream Vest Coins on still on sale- \$10.00 per coin from last year.

\$25 for shirts or tanks is available for Sale on website.

Working on Spring Fashion show for next year- currently have 10 vendors, and hopeful to break goal of over \$4k we got last year.

Parade Adj-McGrath- Recognize our Grand Marshall Faye Prescott who did an outstanding job.

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## **Old Business:**

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

Our Slate of Officers for 2026:

Chairman- Harry Gardner

Sr Vice- Jim Vejar

1st Jr Vice- Robby McGrath

2nd Jr Vice- Martiza Sacaza

Treasurer- Ed Gizara

Secretary- Michelle Holton

No presented nominations from the Floor.

3 other additional positions- Chaplin, Parliamentarian, Sargent of Arms. Each of these are appointment positions by the Chairman.

Update your social media.

Email events you would like us to place on Master Calendar

**Good of the Order:**

Chairman Higgins read his note from GALA program under his photo.

Some of the Bricks have been started but due to weather has not been completed at this time.

**Announcements:**

AL 135: Masquerade Ball February 14<sup>th</sup> 7-11

Dog Company: 750 kits- Comfort Kits- Please Contact Ed Gizara

Navy League: Nov 27- cooked Thanksgiving dinner for Air Station for about 60 Section personal and their Families.

Saturday Dec 6- will set up Face painting, cookie decorating and craft tables at the coast guard air station kids station kids Christmas celebration. Santa plans on hitching a ride on a CG Helo to attend this annual fun event.

Sunday Dec 7- at 2pm. The Savannah Navy League Will present Annual Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance Ceremony at the National Museum of the mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force in the Rotunda Flyers are available at the Navy League table.

Meal Tonight was provided by: FODAC

Meal January: Veterans Council

Reading of Peal Harbor by OC Fowler

Chaplin-Billy Cope- gave the closing invocation

Sgt of Arms- Sr Vice Vejar recovered POW/ MIA Flag

Meeting Closed at 7:47pm

Next Meeting January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Secretary

Michelle Holton