



Veterans Council of Chatham County

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Joe Higgins, Chairman

(THE VOICE OF 28 VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS)



Minutes of the 3 November 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.
- From Garrison Team- 2nd Harvest tomorrow November 4th.
- Guest 1: FODAC- Chris Brand- getting equipment for all ages including veterans you can donate no longer in use equipment or your time.
- Guest 2: Rachel Strayer from Telfair Museum Veterans- Saturdays open studio program w/different types of art. Nov 15th- pour by painting.
- Guest 3: Caroline Boykin- Savannah Sports Council- All start SEC volleyball- hometown hero night.
- Guest 4: Jacob Camacho- Savannah State NJROTC Military Ball- Nov 13th, cocktail hour: 16:30, ceremony: 17:30, dinner: 18:30. Tickets sales: \$50 location at Post \$135 Ball room.
- Guest List by Chairman
- Roll Call- By Sr Vice
- Treasurer Report: September: start \$12,738.04 end: \$12,664.86
 - October: start \$12,664.86 end: \$19,613.68
 - Policy for the parade insurance-- \$2,778.75

Committee Reports:

Sr Vice: Awards- Flags go up on 11/6 and come down on 11/13 report on 1800 at ships at the sea museum.

Jr Vice: Brady- Concert with Marine Corp Band for Nov 9 is has been cancelled due to federal shutdown.

Jr Vice: Gardner - 2nd Harvest community service 1-15th: American Legion 500, 16-31st: DAV Chapter 8.

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- another expense this year is the reviewing stand. Vistar will be here at the Gala please take the time to thank them for supporting us. Sent out half of the reporting instructions for the parade. Adj meeting at 7:00am Gwinnett & Abercorn St.

Chairman- as of right now per the military will not have color guard or troops.

2 stations broadcasting- WSAV & WTOC.

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Old Business:

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

Calling Rich Noel for our Slate of Officers for 2026:

Chairman- Harry Gardner

Sr Vice- Jim Vejar

1st Jr Vice- Robby McGrath

2nd Jr Vice- Martiza
Treasurer- Ed Gizara
Secretary- Michelle

Nominations from the floor for each position- no presented nominations.

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.

New Business:

No new Business

Good of the Order:

Gala is this Friday ticket sales will end on Wednesday 11/5. Programs will be ready for Gala. Guest Speaker is Patricia Ross- who is the Commissioner of the GA Dept Veteran Services.

Brick order has been placed but we have had to wait due to weather so it can be completed.

Vi-Star has little flags available at all locations for pickup for the Parade. Other locations of businesses- Savannah Tap House, Savannah Taste Experience, Sealove Savannah, Indigo cottage, will have bundles of flags for parade.

Friday Morning November 7th- 8am- Present to Savannah County Commission Announce Veteran of the Year & our Grand Marshall- Faye Prescott.

Announcements:

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| VVA 671: | Ceremony for Veterans Day at Emmett Park Nov 9 th 6pm |
| Navy League: | Nov 6 Maritime Force Protection Unit Kings Bay- 9:30am Base Theater. Nov 18 th MC birthday dinner 18:00 at Carry Hillard's Thanksgiving dinner at Coast Guard Air Station Nov 27, 10am-3pm. |
| Coastal Women's Veterans: | GA Parks Lunch & Hike- Nov 8 th – Skidaway Island |

Meal Tonight was provided by: Past Veterans of the Year
Dec Meal: FODAC

Chaplin-Billy Cope- gave the closing invocation
Sgt of Arms- Sr Vice Vejar recovered POW/ MIA Flag

Meeting Closed at 7:52 pm
Next Meeting December 1st.

Secretary
Michelle Holton