

**General Meeting Minutes**  
**Johns Creek Veterans Association**  
**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

Keith Bogle opened the meeting with an update on Treasurer Rick Beggs health battles and asked that we all keep him in our hearts and prayers and that we look forward to seeing him back at our meetings soon.

He then acknowledged the last call for food provided by the Sunrise and Young Men's' Service League and the membership followed with a round of applause for them.

Keith introduced John Meurer who presented the Secretary and Treasurer's reports for the month. John indicated that JCVA had purchased 30 wreaths for the upcoming Wreaths Across America project that will happen this year on Saturday, December 18. JCVA is looking for volunteers to lay wreaths at Pineville Cemetery in Alpharetta on Dec. 18. Please contact Keith Bogle or me if you can volunteer.

Keith then applauded the Knights of Columbus for their wonderful ceremony on November 6 at the Afghan plaza. The ceremony honored the 13 soldiers who gave their lives at the Kabul airport while supporting the evacuation of Americans and Afghans. Pavers for each soldier were laid at the plaza along with beautiful orange roses for each. There was a moving double bugle version of Taps played at the end of the ceremony. Later in the meeting, Dick Holcomb reiterated how wonderful the ceremony was and expressed his regrets that more members were not present that day because it truly was a special event. Marine Brig. Gen. Denis (Denny) Shortal (retired) was the guest speaker. (side note: Many years ago, Denny Shortal and I were Eastern pilots based in Chicago. Denny flew the DC-9 and I flew the B-727. Denny was a Marine reserve C-130 pilot based at Glenview and I was still flying C-141s out of Travis AFB, CA. We both moved to ATL when EAL shut down our Chicago base. Denny flew 300+ F-4 missions in Vietnam).

Keith indicated that he has temporarily taken over the Membership chairperson duties and told the membership they can pay 2022 membership dues to John Meurer. Annual dues are \$35.00.

Keith introduced Col. Rick White. Rick described the November 6th 9<sup>th</sup> annual induction ceremony in Columbus, GA, for the new members of the Georgia Military Veterans Hall of Fame. 16 were inducted and, for the first time, there was a father and his son inducted into the same class.

**Color Guard Events:**

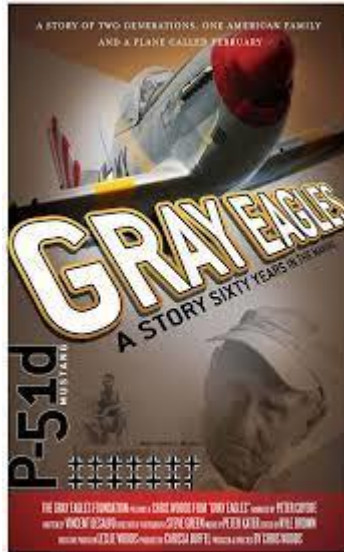
**Nov. 7 morning / American Legion 201 Annual Cruise-In Car Show**

**Nov. 7 at 3PM / Ceremony at Newtown for 6 Army vets and 1 Air Force vet who received Certificates of Honor for being nominated for the Georgia Military Hall of Fame.**

**Nov. 9 / Atlanta Athletic Club – Annual Duffers Tourney – 80 players**

**Nov. 11 / Senior Center in Roswell (Vickery Rose Retirement Resort near Crossville) (Keith – please correct me if I have the name wrong)**

Keith indicated that this event was very special to the Color Guard in that the residents truly appreciated our color guard taking the time to be there.



The meeting concluded with a short video about WWII double ace Jim Brooks and his grandchildren and a P-51 he named February. Volume didn't work well in Park Place so I hope you received the link I sent out a couple of weeks ago that should enable you to view it again with good volume.

**REMINDER: DECEMBER MEETING TOMORROW EVENING, DEC. 9, 6-8PM AT PARK PLACE**

That's all for November folks.

Bob Moore