

Johns Creek Veterans Association

Monthly Meeting Minutes

09/23/2021

Mike Mizell opened the meeting by acknowledging the wonderful assistance that Sunrise at Ivey Ridge has provided JCVA for several months by providing dinners for our meetings. In addition, he also acknowledged the assistance by the Young Men's Service League (YMSL) in serving the dinners in the kitchen and cleaning up after dinner. The YMSL is a national organization of individual chapters of mothers and their high school sons. The purpose being to serve together to positively impact their communities.

Roger Wise applauded the work of our Color Guard for the past several months. They have met a very demanding schedule and performed with honor. **Any members of JCVA who might want to join the Color Guard would be greatly appreciated as they could use some additional members to spread out the very busy schedule during the next few months.**

Chaplain Mark Beatty led the members in an opening prayer.

Peter Manfre let the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Keith Bogle briefed the members on the latest activities of the Color Guard:

9/10 - Mt. Pisgah opening home football game

9/11 - First Nail Habitat for Humanity in Cumming, GA (JCVA well represented)

9/17 – POW/MIA Recognition Day at the Veterans Memorial Walk in Newtown Park

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Charity Golf Tournament

Please refer to key dates at the end of the minutes.

Mike Mizell mentioned that the Board of Directors is in the process of updating our membership list to assess an accurate status of all members.

He also noted that the plans for the November 13 Dedication/Ribbon Cutting ceremony at 11AM are coming together. Details to follow soon when all portions of the ceremony are finalized.

Please mark your calendars and get the word out to your family and friends. NOVEMBER 13 WILL BE HERE SOON!

John Meurer presented the Secretary/Treasurer report. Our August 26 meeting was canceled due to a Johns Creek spike in Covid cases. John reported that the JCVA now has a Financial Assistance Policy for veterans in need of support. If you know of a veteran in need of assistance, please contact a board member to determine what level of assistance JCVA can offer.

Due to the impact of Covid on JCVA activity during the past 18 months, the Board of Directors voted to extend the term of the current officers until October of 2022. The membership is required to vote on this decision. A motion was made to approve this extension so that the current term of the board would be from January 1, 2021, to October of 2022. The motion was discussed and a voice vote from members present was “in favor” of the extension.

Guests: We were pleased to have several guests in attendance at this meeting. Each guest introduced themselves to the membership and provided brief summaries of their military experience and experience after leaving the military. I apologize for not being able to give you all their names as the background noise on my recorder makes it difficult to understand when they are introducing themselves. **Please do me a favor – when you plan to bring a guest, send me an email at bobemoore44@gmail.com with the name of your guest or introduce me to your guest prior to the start of the meeting. I would like to be able to add them to the minutes.**

I just happened to have a guest at this meeting **Dr. LC Johnson** - Air Force Loadmaster, Educator, Public school administrator and Advisor to the Chancellor of Public Schools in New York. Retired in Georgia and lives near Johns Creek. Dr. LC Johnson has published a book titled “Still a Soldier”.

George Yourick, a JCVA and Knights of Columbus member has started a program, “What’s in a Name”. The project has the primary objective to enhance appreciation for the service and ultimate sacrifice that these men and women gave to us without cost. He has 500+ dog-tags of service members who did not come home. I have one of the dog-tags and plan to purchase a paver for the IRAQ plaza in his name. Please let me know if you would like to have a dog-tag and I will have George contact you.

Mike Mizell mentioned that there is a drawing if you have interest in funding a Vet Buds program to raise funds for veterans in need of assistance. He is selling auction tickets for \$10 per ticket which will give you a chance to donate and provide you the chance of winning a pistol from Sharpshooters on HWY9 (they have offered 3 pistols for the auction). Contact Mike Mizell for more information.

Barry “Gunner” Stinson was our guest speaker. Gunner created a wonderful video tribute to the 9/11 First Responders in New York. He explained each section of the video as we were viewing it. The video was well timed in view of the 20th year since the 9/11 attacks.

KEY DATES AHEAD: PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Friday, Oct. 22 / Veterans Bowl at Johns Creek High School / Kickoff at 7:30PM / Centennial Knights versus Johns Creek Gladiators / Our Color Guard will be there / Please make every effort to attend in support of “our bowl”. **IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND, PLEASE SEND AN RSVP TO ME NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 13 - JOHNS CREEK NEEDS A LIST OF VETERANS ATTENDING (I assume for free entrance to the game)**
bobemoore44@gmail.com

Thursday, Oct. 28 / JCVA October Meeting / 6-8PM at Park Place

Saturday, November 13 / Dedication and Ribbon Cutting for the Wall That Heals// 1100 / Ceremony in front of the Veterans Memorial Walk / Steve Broadbent will MC/ 3 guest speakers/ Barbria Deanne from Altobeli's restaurant will sing the national anthem and America the Beautiful / Formal request for a C-17 flyby and a GA Air Guard helicopter flyby (not finalized as yet) / after the ceremony those in attendance will move to the Wall That Heals for the Ribbon Cutting /more details to come soon / PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND INVITE THEM TO THIS VERY SPECIAL EVENT / THE VETERANS MEMORIAL WALK AND THE WALL THAT HEALS IS THE SECOND LARGEST PRIVATELY FUNDED MILITARY MEMORIAL IN THE COUNTRY / NOVEMBER 13 WILL BE HERE SOON.

Saturday, Dec. 18 / Wreaths Across America / Please consider assisting in wreath laying and/or purchasing a wreath for this very important project (\$10)/Please email me if you plan to participate – I'm making a list of members who will participate.



Color Guard at the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Golf Tourney



Janice Hiers Air Force Ret

Jacqueline Isabelle Army Ret

Nichelle Haynes Army Ret

Melissa Deane Army Ret

Joanne Melear VN Navy Nurse



Nichelle Haynes Army Ret

Janice Hiers Air Force Ret



Tony Hiers Army Janice Hiers Air Force Ret



Dr. Craig Ray

Dr. LC Johnson