

## **Johns Creek Membership Meeting Minutes**

**July 27, 2023**

**Keith Bogle called the meeting to order and Doc Ray led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**John Meurer presented the Secretary's report.**

**Peter Manfre indicated that there are 4 slots available for the St. Benedict Golf Tourney on October 9. The cost is \$80 per player. They are looking for volunteers. Please let John Meurer or Peter Manfre know if you are interested in playing or volunteering.**

**Home Depot will be assisting with Landscape development at the Memorial site in Newtown Park.**

**LaVeda Bennett and Melissa Deane recently received laudatory citations for their contributions.**

**Due to the holidays, we always move our meetings for Nov and Dec up to the second Thursday. This year there is a proposal for the November meeting to be held on November 13 at Six Bridges Brewery. More info to come.**

**David Stocks presented the Treasurer's report.**

**Janice Hiers thanked everyone who assisted in making the Women's Veteran Day ceremony a success on June 10. She also reported that there are now 11 women members of JCVA. She welcomed new members Sabrina Bradley, Barbara Amey, and Mary Ann Jones.**

**We welcomed Bill Lane, Morgan Holt, Justin Roberts, and Norm Owens as new members.**

**Keith Bogle thanked his Color Guard team members for participating in the Johns Creek 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend opening festivities at Park Place on June 29 and on July 4.**

**Keith Bogle and Rick White described the GMVHOF Scholarship presentation that was held on Wed., Aug. 2, at The Wall That Heals.**

**Reveille Cafe, at 9925 Haynes Bridge Rd near Newtown Park, offers Veterans discounts all day long on the 11<sup>th</sup> of every month.**

**Roger Wise briefed the membership regarding the Old Soldiers Day events to be held at American Legion Post 201 in August.**

**Peter Manfre and Dick Holcomb briefed the membership on the upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary ceremony coming up on August 26 honoring the Kabul 13. 10AM at the Afghanistan Plaza. Lunch to follow and tours of the memorials. Peter Manfre needs RSVPs in order to plan for lunch.**

**We had a moment of silence in honor of Bill Bandes and Gil Bartman who passed during Covid.**

**Mike Mizell introduced our guest speaker, Brandon Rayburn, a graduate of No Longer Bound and currently President of Special T.**

**Mike Mizell informed the membership that there is a board position vacancy, Vice President Community Relations/Event Coordinator, and asked the members to consider volunteering for this position.**

**Mike also discussed expansion of qualifications for new members and more details concerning Home Depot and the company's assistance with landscape enhancement at the Memorials.**

**Joanne Melear updated the membership on the health of our ex-president Vic Ackerman.**

**Chaplain Mark closed the meeting with a prayer.**