

Veterans of Woodside (VOW)

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Purpose:	Monthly VOW Meeting
Meeting Date:	10/26/2023
Meeting Time:	1800
Meeting Location:	Woodside Country Club
Minutes Issued By:	Dennis Carr

I. Program
II. <u>Introduction</u> – Lori Thomas as emcee on behalf of the Steering Committee
III. <u>Pledge of Allegiance:</u> Led by Joe Bends
IV. <u>Background:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Steering Committee Members are: Tom Brophy, Dennis Carr, Lori Thomas, Joe Bendsb. Veterans group within Woodside Country Club structure “Clubs Within a Club”c. Stress camaraderie and social interactions among veterans
V. <u>Program Items:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. New Attendee Introductions: Greg Burkes, USN and Jalyn King, USAb. Attendees:<ul style="list-style-type: none">1. Dennis Carr, USAF2. Lori Thomas, USA3. Tom Brophy, USA4. Joe Bends, USN5. Don Morris, USN (Korean War Vet)6. Jack Morrison, USAF7. Chuck Martini, USA8. Daniel Thompson, USAF9. Malcolm Phillips, USA10. Bill Dulworth, USA11. Michelle Carr, USAF12. Chuck Martini, USA13. Monica Vaughn, USAF14. Greg Burkner, USN15. Jalyn King, USA

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16. Marnie Brophy, Spouse

17. Judy Bends, Spouse

- c. Guest Speaker Presentation: Tom Brophy introduced our guest speaker, Mr Pete Peters, local historian. Mr Peters discussed many topics of historical interest. Specifically, he focused on Civil War history, Sherman's "March to the Sea" and the Battle of Aiken. He highlighted many colorful characters from in/around Aiken. It was an enjoyable and enlightening speech. He mentioned the Battle of Aiken re-enactment will be Feb 23-25, 2024.
- d. Lori Thomas from the Steering Committee discussed several items:
 - 1. Veterans Breakfast at Woodside Club on Nov 11, 2023 at 0900. All veterans are eligible to attend this free breakfast. The speaker will be Colonel (Ret) Stevens (Aaron's Dad). Please register with Della at the club.
 - 2. Aiken County Veterans Spouse Planning Sessions. These informative events are designed to help veterans and their spouses understand the benefits available to them. Upcoming dates are:
 - a) 11/28/2023 0900-1200
 - b) 11/30/2023 0900-1200
- e. The meeting concluded at approximately 7:00 pm

VI. Next Meeting:

- a. Date: Thursday, Nov 16th at 6:00, Social time begins at 5:30
- b. We will not have a December meeting due to conflicts with the holiday period

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