



# VETERANS

of Del Webb Naples

## Club Meeting Minutes @ Grand Hall

Saturday, February 2, 2024

President: Ed DeMaio

First Vice President: Mark Clayton

Vice President: Mac McTamney

Treasurer: Rick Bachofner

Secretary: Jeff Plys

Advisors: Jim Connelly      Larry Lezon      Laurie Whitlock      Mike Traynor

- Ed Demaio called the Club Meeting to order at 10AM with 59 members in attendance
- The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all, and Father Petruska offered a prayer that included the (3) falling soldiers killed in Jordan.
- Minutes were approved from the January 6, 2024, meeting.
- Ed welcomed several new Members to the club
- Rick Bachofner had the Treasurer Report below:

12/31/23 balance	\$ 13,680.59	(includes T-Bill if \$10,000)
January Deposits	\$ 5,584.00	
January Expenses	\$ 5,093.68	
Balance	<b><u>\$ 14,170.91</u></b>	(\$10,000 T-Bill coming due Feb)

(1) T-Bill is still outstanding in addition to the checking account for \$ 10,000

(2) Rick has forwarded to HOA the Treasurer Report

- Marge Scheffler reported as follows on the last Pancake Breakfast:

103 total attendees    117 in total    30 walk-ins

**Profit \$ 556.00**

So far for the next breakfast (2/16) there are 94 signups. If wanting to attend, please sign up now before it closes

- Jill Mortensen commented on what Club Shirts are available. \$43 for new Shirts (with name additional \$5) and T-Shirts for \$15. Still, plenty of shirts are available from inventory instead of purchasing a new one. Hats are also available.
- Laura Plys discussed a proposal on having a Pasta Dinner in May. Additional information will be available at the next meeting in March.

- Mark Clayton gave an update on the Veterans Club 2024 Cruise Raffle which will be awarded at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Tickets are \$25 for 1 or \$100 for 5. Currently, 465 tickets sold are 465, with estimated profit of \$9,300). The goal is to have a \$10,000 in profit fund our Mission.

The club has secured booth slots to sell tickets at Taste of Ave and Blues, Brews & BBQ at no charge to the club.
- Mark Clayton then discussed the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament that will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Profit from this event have been: 2022(\$ 14.5K), 2023 (\$ 28.5K) and 2024 (\$35K Est) Last year included: 5 Corporate Sponsors, 32 Hole Sponsors, 128 Golfers out of a max of 144 golfers allowed on the greens. Check out the flyer for additional information that will be sent out to the club members. Questions can be sent directly to Mark at [markclayton1956@yahoo.com](mailto:markclayton1956@yahoo.com). **Volunteers are also needed for this event.**
- Ed quickly recapped that all these events: Cruises (Claudette Sang) and the Golf Tournament (Mark Clayton) are essential to accomplish our Mission.
- Ed discussed our Mission Statement. A copy of this was mailed out with the agenda for the meeting but not included in copies that were handed out before the meeting.
- Ed discussed the upcoming “2024 Collier County Veteran Expo” that is on February 17<sup>th</sup> at the Naples Hope Ministries at 7675 Davis Blvd. All vets and dependents should attend this event to make sure you are receiving all the benefits to which you are entitled.
- Claudette Sang mentioned that she has arranged a 2025 9-night Caribbean Cruise (Aruba, Caymen & Bonaire) on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Check out the flyer for more information that was included in packet and agenda e-mail.
- Jeff Plys mentioned during the Open Discussion, that he will be sending out a “Club Schedule” of events for Q1. This calendar will be updated as needed. Any additions to the calendar should be e-mailed to him at: [delwebbvetsclub@outlook.com](mailto:delwebbvetsclub@outlook.com).
- One of our members, Christine Greenaway, spoke about a project that she works on with a national association, where a veteran (if interested and free), can be interviewed about their military stories. These stories will be kept by the Library of Congress, so the veteran’s family can read about their legacies. At the same time, Christine creates a booklet for her interviewed veterans and gives this to the veteran. More information will be sent out shortly about the “Veteran’s History Project.”
- Mac McTamney mentioned again about the Warriors Brunch. Veteran Supporters are always welcome to these events. Moving forward, the brunch will be every other Tuesday and will group by military branch. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month will be: Navy, Marines and Coast Guard. The 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month will be: Army, Space Force and Air Force. Reminders will be sent out before the event and will be on the new “Club Schedule.” Lastly, Mac mentioned that on March 29<sup>th</sup> is the National Vietnam Recognition Day. His group is working on details for this day. Currently there will be an Observance Party at the Oil Well Brewery from 6-8PM. More details are coming.

- Ed briefly touched on our upcoming Memorial Day ceremony, which will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-11AM at the Grand Hall. We will be placing pavers at the Memorial Bench for (2) of our past members (Patrick Balisano & Terry Mariano). More details are coming.
- Meeting adjourned at 10:43AM

The next **Club Meeting** will be on Saturday, March 2, 2024, in the Grand Hall at 10 AM. Coffee and Donuts at 9:30 AM. Cruise drawing will be at 10AM so bring your tickets.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Plys  
Secretary