



# EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

Box PMB-J 130 Gardener's Circle Johns Island, SC 29455

## **Member Meeting 02-21-2024 @Seabrook Island Club**

Ray Hoover-President, called the meeting to order at 6:22PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell, Airborne Infantry and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. See Bio attached.

Guest count was low, see attendance attached

### **Ray made the following announcements:**

- Handbook sales are underway and 81 contracts for ads worth \$64,000 have been rec'd thus far. Deadline is March 1.
- Nominations are being accepted for the Angel Oak Award; we've received nine so far.
- District Exchange Club President Jim Herzog reached out to local club presidents to let them know that The Exchange Club of Charleston is celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

After dinner, John Reock introduced the evening's speaker, Arthur Spriggs, Executive Director of SC United Methodist Camps and Retreats Ministries. He was referred to us by our member, Shirley Salvo. He gave a lively review of his background and experience with this organization which although based in the updated, does serve the kids of Johns and Wadmalaw Islands at Camp Care on Johns Island. Afterward, he was encouraged to apply for a grant from our club.

### **Next Meeting:**

3/6/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Allen Woods, House Calls to the Homeless

### **Addendums:**

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

**Minutes submitted 2/22/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary**

**ATTENDANCE**

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests	\$s
Y	Victor Agusta			
Y	Alan Armstrong			
Y	Bill Bane			
Y	Phyllis Barber			
Y	Tim Barnard	New		
Y	Dave Berry			
Y	Herb Boehm			
Y	Kevin Boyle			
Y	Ed Brett			
Y	Cathy Cleary			
Y	Wes Cleary			
Y	David Cruse			
Y	Bob Davis			
Y	Fred Demler			
No	Art Dougherty			
Y	Bob Driscoll			
Y	Frank Farfone			
Y	Joe Foti			
Y	Derek Fyfe			
Y	Richard Gwyn			
Y	Stephen Haines			
Y	Edward Heskamp			
Y	Ray Hoover			
Y	Bill Huff			
Y	Ed Leary			
Y	Bruce Ludwin			
Y	Alan Madison			
Y	Lisa McDonald			
Y	Rick McDonald			
Y	Bill Nelson			
Y	Maureen Oberg	\$290	Dues, 2 dinners	
Y	Marty Penkhus			
Y	Steve Penkhus			
Y	Dustin Plunkett	Y	Victoria Pullium	
No	Russ Preston			
Y	Robert Quagliato			
Y	Sam Reed			
Y	John Reock	Y	Arthur Spriggs - Speaker	
Y	Ed Rigrup			
Y	Shirley Salvo			
Y	Nancy Schibler			
No	Ron Schildge			
Y	Roy Sessions			

## ATTENDANCE, CONT'D

Y	Walter Sewell			
Y	Robert Speziale			
Y	Roger Steel			
Y	Chris Stephenson			
No	Marj Stephenson			
Y	Joe Thompson			
Y	Bruce Van Voorhis			
No	Tom Webster			
Y	Pat Welch			
Y	Mela Wyeth			

Count to the Seabrook Club 47-51

Registrations - 55

Attendance 49

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## TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to \*Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell.

Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell was born in Brunson, SC on Christmas Eve 1977 to parents Maude and Bobby. As a small boy, Jarrell loved playing with toy soldiers. His family members described him as a country boy who loved hunting, fishing, rock crawling, mud bogging, and the Georgia Bulldogs. John's Uncle is quoted as saying "He loved that ugly mascot bulldog, and I don't know why. He was a South Carolina boy."

Just days after graduating from Wade Hampton High School in June of 1996, young John Jarrell enlisted in the Army where he met his wife Wendi, who was also a soldier and veteran of the war in Iraq. The couple had a daughter, Emma, and a son, Brantley.

Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell had a successful 14-year career that included two tours of duty in South Korea, two in Iraq, and one in Afghanistan. Jarrell was a highly decorated airborne assault infantryman who earned numerous commendations, including the Bronze Star, the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, and two Purple Hearts. He was assigned to B Company, 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

On Thursday, July 15 th , 2010, two soldiers were standing on Maude's porch. She said, "I knew

exactly what they were there for." Earlier that day, her son, Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell died in Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. He was killed when enemy forces attacked his dismounted patrol with an improvised explosive device. He was 32 years old.

\*In what was planned as an informal ceremony Sergeant First Class Jarrell's family members asked all attending to come dressed in Georgia Bulldog apparel to support the college football team that Jarrell loved. And even the diehard Carolina fans obliged.

Jarrell's mother, Maude said, "My son was an awesome, awesome soldier. He did not lose his life; he gave his life for all of us."

As an indication of our respect for Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell and others who gave their lives for our country, the club \*places US flags around our community several times a year. Each flag has a yellow ribbon attached with the name of a fallen hero.

Sergeant First Class John H. Jarrell, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

Please stand as you are able and join me in reciting the pledge of allegiance.



## SPEAKER BIO



Arthur Spriggs  
SC United Methodist Camps and  
Retreats Ministries

Arthur is the Executive Director of South Carolina Camps and Retreat Ministries. He has more than 35 years of non-profit experience in ministry, camping, program and facilities management, and fund development—serving with organizations such as the YMCA, United Way, and Churches across the country. Arthur is married to Sheree' and has three adult children: Matt, Toni, and Aubree'.

He enjoys, singing, walks in the woods, and has a passion for aviation.