



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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

Member Meeting 08/21/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Thad Peterson, President, called the meeting to order at 6:22PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero Army Staff Sergeant James David Bullard and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. *See Bio attached*

Thad recognized guests (see attendance)

New member Lon Bouknight was present

Thad made the following announcements:

- ECKS Golf Outing is coming up October 2
- ECKS needs a volunteer Secretary to the Board and Chairperson of the Speakers Committee
- Roger Steele gave a plug for the Symphony Orchestra night in 2025, sign ups on table

After dinner (7:19PM) David Cruise introduced ECKS member Tom Webster who introduced his son as the evening's speaker. Ryan Webster gave a heartfelt presentation about his experience as a Big Brother and included many examples of the impact it had on him and on the child he cared for until he aged out of the program. *See Bio attached.*

Meeting Adjourned at 7:52PM

Next Meeting:

9/4/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speaker: DJ Hampton, Pres & CEO of Trident United Way (rescheduled from meeting that was missed due to weather)

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Speaker Bio

Minutes submitted 8/28/24 by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

ATTENDANCE

| Attended? | Member | Attended? | Guests |
|------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Yes | Victor Agusta | Yes (Cash) | Carol Agusta - Added |
| Yes | Bill Bane | | |
| Yes | Phyllis Barber | | |
| Yes | Rich Boss | | |
| Yes | Lon Bouknight | | |
| Yes | Ed Brett | | |
| Yes | Cathy Cleary | | |
| Yes | Wes Cleary | | |
| Yes | David Cruse | Yes (Check) | Lynn Cruse |
| Yes | Bob Davis | | |
| No Show | Art Dougherty | | |
| Yes | Bob Driscoll | | |
| No Show | Bruce Edwards | | |
| Yes | Frank Farfone | | |
| Yes | Dick Fleming | | |
| Yes | Dianna Forsythe | | |
| Yes | Joe Foti | | |
| No Show | Richard Gwyn | | |
| Yes | Edward Heskamp | | |
| Yes | Ray Hoover | | |
| Yes | Ed Leary | | |
| Yes | Bob Leggett | | |
| No Show | Lars Lueders | | |
| Yes | Lisa McDonald | | |
| Yes | Rick McDonald | | |
| No Show | Michael Morris | | |
| Yes | Bill Nelson | | |
| Yes | Sally Nicoli | | |
| Yes | Thad Peterson | | |
| Yes | Russ Preston | | |
| Yes | Robert Quagliato | | |
| Yes | Sam Reed | | |
| Yes (Cash) | George Reinhart | | |
| Yes | John Reock | | |
| Yes | Charles Riehl | | |
| Yes | Shirley Salvo | | |
| Yes | Bob Schick | | Shelly Schick - (Check) |
| Yes | Charlie Septer | | |
| Yes | Walter Sewell | | |
| Yes | Roger Steel | | |
| Yes | Ken Steen | | |
| Yes | Chris Stephenson | | |
| No Show | Joe Thompson | | |
| Yes | Bruce Van Voorhis | | |
| Yes | Tom Webster | Yes (Check) Yes (Free) No Show | Debbie Banecker Ryan Webster - Speaker Merridith Crowe |
| Yes | Jack Wilson | | |

Total Registrations 52
 Added Guest +1
 Member No Shows. -6
 Guest No Show -1

Net Attendance 46

Dinner Count Commitment to Seabrook Club. 46-50

| Name | Guests and Special Diet |
|------------|--|
| Agusta | olive oil for salad low sodium dinner |
| Bane | |
| Barber | Allergic to fish and seafood |
| Boss | |
| Bouknight | |
| Cleary | Yes - to attending 08/21/2024. Both Cathy and I will plan to be there. Party of 2. |
| Cruse | Lynn Cruse |
| Davis | |
| Dougherty | |
| Edwards | |
| Farfone | |
| Fleming | |
| Forsythe | |
| Gwyn | |
| Hoover | |
| Leggett | |
| Lueders | |
| McDonald | |
| McDonald | |
| Morris | |
| Nelson | |
| Peterson | |
| Preston | |
| QUAGLIATO | |
| Riehl | |
| Rigtrup | |
| Salvo | Seafood allergy |
| Schick | Shelley Schick |
| Septer | |
| Steel | |
| Steen | |
| Stephenson | |
| Thompson | |
| VanVoorhis | |
| Webster | Debbie Banecker |
| Wilson | |

TRIBUTE TO SC FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to *Army Staff Sergeant James David Bullard

Staff Sgt. James Bullard's childhood hero was Superman. He wore a cape made from a towel as a kid and collected comic books starring the superhero as an adult. He was involved in JROTC at Marion High School in Marion, SC and always wanted to be a soldier. He joined the National Guard at age 17, after graduating high school. Just like Superman, he wanted to right evil.

He was assigned to the South Carolina National Guard's 1st Battalion, 263rd Armor Regiment, in Marion, S.C. The unit was part of a five-year-old multinational effort designed to keep Afghanistan on the road to recovery following the U.S.-led military campaign that ousted Taliban militants in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Bullard had been in the military 11 years before he was sent to Afghanistan in January, 2007 on his first overseas deployment. In September, 2007, *Staff Sgt. James Bullard returned home to see the birth of his first child Kristopher and to be with his wife Amber.

Staff Sgt. James Bullard returned to Afghanistan after his two week leave to help train members of the Afghan Army and police. On October 30, 2007 in Spearwan Ghar, Afghanistan insurgents attacked his unit using rocket-propelled grenades, machine guns, mortars and small-arms. Army Staff Sergeant James David Bullard died from a gunshot wound sustained in the attack. He was 28 years old. The final song that played at his funeral on Nov. 5, 2007 was the "Superman" theme.

For many years, the NASCAR community has honored and recognized the United States Armed Forces during Military Appreciation Month through the NASCAR Salutes Together with Coca-Cola program.

During 2023's 600 Miles of Remembrance. Each of the 44 cars entered in the race displayed the name of a fallen hero. *The No1 car, AdventHealth's Chevy paid tribute to the service and sacrifice of fallen hero Staff Sergeant James D. Bullard during the 64th running of the Coca-Cola 600 on Memorial Day weekend.

As an indication of our respect for Army Staff Sergeant James D. Bullard 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.

Army Staff Sergeant James D. Bullard, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

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



SSG James Bullard
1st Battalion, 263rd
Armor Regiment
Operation Enduring
Freedom
Kandahar, Afghanistan
Oct. 30, 2007

We Will Never Forget

Army Staff Sergeant James G. Bullard



SPEAKER BIO

Ryan T. Webster

Founder & Partner of Sweetgrass Law Group

Ryan Webster was the founding partner at Webster Law before establishing his second firm Sweetgrass Law Group. A native of the Carolina's, Ryan graduated from the University of South Carolina with a double major in Marketing and Management focused primarily in the entrepreneur field. After undergrad, Ryan worked with Horack Talley (now Offit Kurman Law) in Charlotte, NC before attending law school at Charleston School of Law. During law school, Ryan was Vice President of the student body and won both the Moot Court and Trial advocacy internal competitions.

Prior to founding Sweetgrass Law Group, Ryan was a supervising attorney with a large personal injury firm in Charleston, SC. Aside from being one of the top producing attorneys, Ryan was also tasked with training new attorney hires and consistently managed around 5 associate attorneys at a time.

Ryan lives in Charleston with his wife, Meredith, and his daughter Georgia Grace. In his spare time, Ryan can be found out on the water fishing or on the golf course. Otherwise, Ryan enjoys spending time with family and volunteering with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the LowCountry.

The picture below is of Ryan with his Little Brother Joe. Earlier this year, the Big Brothers (BBBSL) organization, the community-based mentoring program, announced Ryan Webster as their 2024 Big of the Year.

