



EXCHANGE

EXCHANGE CLUB OF KIAWAH-SEABROOK, SC

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Member Meeting 12-6-2023 @Seabrook Island Club ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Thad Peterson, President elect, called the meeting to order at 6:27PM and opened with prayer.

Chris Stephenson honored South Carolina fallen hero U.S. Marine Lance Corporal William H. Crouse IV and led members in the Pledge of Allegiance. See Bio attached.

THERE ARE NO REGULAR MINUTES FOR THIS EVENING OF COCKTAILS, LIVE MUSIC, AND DINNER

Next Meeting:

1/17/24 @Seabrook Island Club

Speakers will be Jason & Jennifer Schall-Award winning Anglers

Addendums:

Attendance

Fallen Hero

Minutes submitted by Lisa McDonald, Club Secretary

ATTENDANCE

Per Bill Nelson: "Below is the final attendance report for the Holiday Party. I updated the list for the many late changes made by notes, calls and texts up to 2:00 p.m. before the meeting. If you look on page 3 you will see the payments that were made with only one I am not sure of from Bill Good's notes is what app[ea]red to be a check mark instead of the \$40 next to Margaret Van Voorhis. You should be able to tell if it was by check and not cash or not even a payment."

80-88 Committed to the Club on Monday

51 Members Registered Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

35 Guests Registered Wednesday

86 Total Registered Wednesday

Two Members and one Guest were no shows

Final Attendance - 83

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests
X	Victor Agusta	X	Carol Agusta
X	Alan Armstrong	X	Marilyn Armstrong
X	Phyllis Barber		
X	Dave Berry		
X	Wayne Billian	X	Paula Billian
X	Rich Boss	X	Ann-Stewart Boss
		X	Gary Hartman
		X	Chris Hartman
X	Kevin Boyle	X	Suzanne Boyle
X	Ed Brett	X	Andrea Brett
X	Dick Fleming	X	Midge Fleming
X	Ted Flerlage	X	Betty Flerlage
X	Dianna Forsythe	X	Dan Forsythe
X	Bill Good		
X	Richard Gwyn	X	Mary Gwyn
X	Edward Heskamp		
X	Maurice Isaac	X	Isaac
X	Tom Kroll	X	Fred Demler
X	Ed Leary	X	Lori Leary
X	Bob Leggett	X	Susan Leggett
X	Bruce Ludwin		
X	Alan Madison	X	Lynne Madison
X	Lisa McDonald		
X	Rick McDonald		
X	Joy Millar	X	Ian Millar
X	Jay Miller	X	Nancy Miller
X	Michael Morris	X	Jane Morris
X	Bill Nelson	X	Linda Nelson
X	Sally Smith Nicoli	X	Daniel Nicoli
X	Marty Penkhus		
X	Steve Penkhus		
X	Dustin Plunkett	X	Victoria Pullium
X	Joel Pondelik	X	Nancy Pondelik
No	Robert Quagliato		
X	Charles Riehl	X	Kersti Riehl
X	Shirley Salvo	X	Peter Rupert
X	Bob Schick	X	Shelley Schick
X	Ron Schildge	X	Lyn Magee
X	Charlie Septer	X	Rose Septer
X	John Sesody	X	Sue Dostal

ATTENDANCE CONT'D

Attended?	Member	Attended?	Guests
X	Walter Sewell	X	Karen Sewell
No	John Smock	No	Shella Smock
X	Robert Spizale	X	Susan Speziale
X	Roger Steel	X	Vivian Steel
X	Chris Stephenson		
X	Marj Stephenson		
X	C. Van de Graaf	X	Patti Van de Graaf
X	Bruce Van Voorhis	X	Margaret Van Voorhis
X	Pat Welch		
X	Kevin Winter		
X	Bill Wick		
X	Chuck Zellerbach	X	Patricia Zellerbach

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FALLEN HERO

Good evening fellow club members and guests.

Tonight, we're paying tribute to U.S. Marine Lance Corporal William H. Crouse IV.

U.S. Marine Lance Corporal William H. Crouse IV was the son of Nancy Siders and William H. Crouse III. "Billy" as he was known, was born in Angola, Indiana. When Billy was 13, his older brother Ryan Rothman took him to a rock concert featuring the band KORN. The band's frontman Jonathan Davis was very active in supporting the military and has done a lot of work with the USO and the Wounded Warriors. The band was important to Billy and became an influential part of his life.

During his sophomore year Lance Corporal Crouse moved to South Carolina and attended Clinton High School where he was a starting fullback for the Red Devils. He was described as full of life, loving, caring and compassionate. Lance Corporal Crouse joined the U.S. Marine Corps. in 2007 following his graduation from High School. His mother said "He chose the Marine Corps because in his heart it was the best of the best."

Lance Corporal Course was assigned to 1st Battalion, 10th Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Lejeune, N.C. Crouse became a military dog handler and trained with his dog Cane in Hartsville, SC.

On Tuesday, December 21, 2010 Marine Lance Corporal William H. Crouse IV was into the first six weeks of his first tour of duty. He and his bomb-sniffing dog Cane were conducting combat operations in Helmand province, Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom. Both had been working to wrest away control of what had long been a Taliban stronghold when Lance Corporal Crouse stepped on an IED and it exploded.

As a military dog handler, the bond between soldier and canine is one of strong trust and care, so it was not surprising that Lance Corporal Crouse's dying concern was for his canine companion. Crouse demanded that his wounded dog be put into the Medevac helicopter with him. They were evacuated together. Both died enroute to the hospital. Their remains were returned the day before Christmas 2010. Lance Corporal Crouse was twenty-two years old. He was the 161st Marine killed in Afghanistan. Cane was the Marines' fifth bomb-sniffing dog killed in combat.

In 2012, two years after Lance Corporal Crouse's death, his favorite band KORN held a concert that paid tribute to military service members. Ryan Rothman, Lance Corporal Crouse's brother used the opportunity to dedicate Crouse's uniform to the band, which had been an inspiration to both of them.

Ryan Rothman tells KORN's Johathan Davis, "I want to give this uniform formally to you on behalf of my family. The inspiration you have had on my life and the impact of things you've brought me through, and the things Billy and I shared through you and your music, I wanted him to be with you."

To which Johathan Davis replied, "I feel for your loss. We've lost a lot of kids, but it wasn't in vain; it was to keep our way of life going. I will have a special place for this, always."

As an indication of our respect for U.S. Marine Lance Corporal William H. Crouse IV 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.

U.S. Marine Lance Corporal William H. Crouse IV, we salute you and your sacrifice on our behalf.

Please stand and join me in reciting the pledge of allegiance.