

**VALENCIA LAKES MILITARY VETERANS CLUB (VLMVC), INC.
General Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 3, 2020

President – Charles (Charlie) Brown
Vice President – Joe Lumia
Secretary – Arlene Patel
Assistant Secretary - Carol Love
Treasurer – Jim Love
Assistant Treasurer, David Moore
Director, Membership – Sandra Shipton
Board Director – Ron McKenzie
Board Director – Howard Bower
Sergeant-at-Arms – Keith Schneider
Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, Allen Lalk
Chaplain – Bill Schaefer

Others Present - Nick Fazio, Ex-Officio, Michelle Schaefer, Ex-Officio

1. **Call to Order at 11:05 a.m.** (Charlie Brown, President)

President Charlie Brown provided an overview of *My Warriors Place* and information regarding the VLMVC support of this non-profit organization which provides housing and recreational support services to veterans.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation** (Bill Schaefer, Chaplain)

3. **Introduction of Speakers (Recorded Interviews)** President Charlie Brown

(a) Kelly Kowall of *My Warrior's Place*

(b) Major General George W. Norwood, USAF, RET.

Kelly Kowall —Live questions and answer session:

Several members and guests asked questions regarding funding, activities and services of *My Warriors Place*.

4. **Health and Welfare of VL Veterans / Member** (Charlie Brown, President)

No discussion.

5. **“Spotlight Feature”** (Vice President, Joe Lumia)

Vice President Joe Lumia shared that all members of VLMVC are invited to provide information regarding their military and or military support services and activities. Joe will feature this information on the VLMVC website. Entries may be sent directly to Joe Lumia. Joe’s contact information is: jlumia@gmail.com; Telephone: 757-880-2797.

6. **Announcements**

On Wednesday September 2nd the VL Military Veterans Club is planning on a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of WW II; VJ Day, when the surrender documents were signed aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay. The focus of the anniversary will focus rather on what it meant to the folks on the home front, and the recollections of those activities in which folks participated to support the war effort, working in defense plants, collecting scrap metal, and paper drives.

Vice President Joe Lumia has requested that VLMVC members and VL residents support the commemoration by providing personal and or historical information regarding their remembrance, experience and/or things that they or a family did during the period to support the war effort. Joe will accept information in the form of videos, pictures, recorded narratives, typed submissions and oral stories. He will assist in the revision and formatting of the information submitted for inclusion in the commemorative remembrance activity.

Nick Fazio (Ex-Officio) shared that activities for engaging the use of the VLMVC Gaselle Van Project is held in abeyance until the Veterans Administration gives the ok for resuming operations. Nick will keep volunteers and the community informed of any new developments.

There were 48 participants in the VLMVC Zoom General Meeting, consisting of VLMVC members and VL residents.

The next VL Military Veterans Club Board Meeting is Monday, August 10, 2020, at 11:00 am.

7. **Adjournment of Meeting**

The General Meeting was adjourned at 12:11 pm.

Respectfully,
Arlene Patel

Arlene Patel, Secretary

Attachment(s)

- 1) Agenda
 - 2) Speakers Bio (2 a and b)
- Attachment 1

Valencia Lakes Military Veterans' Club, Inc.
AGENDA MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020 ZOOM Meeting @ 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

1. Call to Order Charlie Brown

1. Pledge of Allegiance Bill Schaefer

2. Introduction of Speakers:

Interviews of (1) KELLY KOWALL OF MY WARRIOR'S PLACE;
&
(2) MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. NORWOOD, USAF, RET.

3. Health & Welfare of VL Veterans / Members

4. "Spotlight feature" Joe Lumia

5. Announcements:

6. Adjournment of meeting

7. VLMVC BOARD MEETS MONDAY, AUG. 10 @11:00 A.M.

Attachment 1 (a)



Kelly Kowall - President & Founder

Kelly is the Gold Star Mother of SPC. Corey Kowall. Her experiences as a Certified Life Coach, 10+ years as Business Owner and over 30 years in Sales & Marketing have proven to be very beneficial to this non-profit organizations and the programs it provides. In 2012 she completed her training and became certified as a Grief Support Provider from the American Grief Academy. Her creativity and drive is priceless. She is a published author and an accomplished speaker. She is also an active member of the American Gold Star Mothers Association, VFW Ladies Aux and the American Legion Ladies Aux

Attachment 2(a)

MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. "NORDIE" NORWOOD

Retired November 01, 1997



Major General George W. "Nordie" Norwood is deputy chief of staff/United Nations Command (UNC) and United States Forces Korea (USFK), Yongsan Army Garrison, South Korea. He serves as the U.S. member of the UNC Military Armistice Commission, interacts with UNC liaison groups from eight nations, and supervises UNC (Rear) Headquarters at Camp Zama, Japan. He works with the U.S. Embassy and the South Korean government to coordinate matters affecting U.S. military and civilian personnel stationed in South Korea. During hostilities he serves under the commanding general, second South Korean Army, as deputy, combined rear area coordinator, while supervising the USFK staff and serving as the joint rear area coordinator to effect safe and efficient reception, staging, onward movement and integration of U.S. reinforcement forces.

Commissioned in 1967 as an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps program distinguished graduate, his two tours in Southeast Asia included more than 450 combat missions in the A-1H Skyraider and F-4 Phantom. Additionally, he made 101 carrier landings as a U.S. Navy exchange pilot. He has been assigned to numerous operational, command and staff positions, and has completed seven overseas tours.

EDUCATION

1967 Bachelor of arts degree in mathematics, San Diego State College
1976 Master's degree in business administration management, Golden Gate University, Calif.