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Belle Haven Country Club
Tuesday, 12:00 p.m.
Theme: Service above Self

Agenda

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Presiding Today

President, Dennis Kuhns

Pledge of Allegiance

Lindsay Kelley

Invocation

Sam Mason

Introduction of

Visitors & Guests

Drew Carroll

Sergeant at Arms

November Programs

Sharon Meisel

November Birthdays

TBD

President's Time

Announcements, Raffles

Today's Program

Sharon Drexler

Mount Vernon at Home

"It Takes a Village"

Next Meeting

There will be no Meeting November 22

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Presentation November 7, 2022

Michael Mixon

Commander of The American Legion Post 24

On Tuesday, November 7, 2022, the Alexandria American Legion Post 24 commander--Colonel Mike Mixon, United States Air Force (Retired)--was the featured speaker at the annual Alexandria Rotary Club Salute to Veterans luncheon. What follows are the nuts and bolts of his presentation.

In March 1919--a few months after the World War I armistice went into effect--many U.S. service members in France convened a conference in Paris and agreed upon the basic elements of the organization that would become known as The American Legion. In September 1919, the organization was chartered by the U.S. Congress as a patriotic, war-time veterans' organization. Today, the American Legion has nearly 2 million members attached to over 12,000 community-based posts throughout the world. The Alexandria Post 24--operating from the historic Gadsby's Tavern building complex--has a 100-plus history having received its temporary charter in 1919 and its permanent charter in 1920. The American Legion from the top down--from the National level to the Post level--conducts programs involved in four general areas: veterans affairs, national security, Americanism, and children & youth.

The men and women of Alexandria Post 24 take great pride in the wide variety and richness of the Post's youth programs. They believe that our youth will become better citizens through knowledge and awareness gained from constructive learning experiences; and they believe that investing in our youth is investing in the future of our Nation. Alexandria Post 24 programs that support high school-aged students include the Oratorical Contest, Virginia Boys State, Virginia Girls State, Youth Cadet Law Enforcement Academy, Junior Shooting Sports Program, American Legion Baseball, Edward Kengla Foundation Scholarships, and American Legion Legacy Scholarships. More information about each of these to include program points of contact can be found at Post 24's website: <https://valegionpost24.com/>

Mike ended his talk by relaying an active duty experience he had in the days after the September 11th terrorist attack on the Pentagon. Mike was immediately assigned to work in the Department of Transportation's 24-7 Crisis Management Center. In that role, he got to work with the staff charged with providing critical information to Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta. The Honorable Norman Mineta struck Mike as most impressive and nothing short of a true patriot. If you don't know Mineta's life story, you should google it. As a child, he and his immediate family members were forced into a Japanese internment camp during World War II. Nevertheless, he thrived and later served honorably in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. And when Mike met him in 2001, Mineta was officially a "Democrat" serving in a "Republican" administration; and exercising effective non-partisanship at the Cabinet level doing the business of our federal government during a national crisis. Norm Mineta was nothing short of a true patriot; and served as wonderful example of a Veteran continuing to serve America! Norm Mineta died earlier this year (at the age of 90); and he will not be forgotten!

For the complete text of presentation contact fikekaty7@gmail.com

Dan Blaine's Quote for the Day:

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." - Mark Twain

Announcements:

- ◆ Happy 25th Anniversary to Our Beloved Donna Wilson and "The Warden"
- ◆ Update on Taste for Giving... All went well.
- ◆ In keeping with the Veterans Day Celebration 2002: Jim Carmalt sang the National Anthem
- ◆ Sharon Meisel ran through a visual presentation of Rotarians, current & former, who served: Dr. Bob Wineland, Dr. Robert Anderson, Paul Anderson, John Woods, Rick Baylor, Richard Lacquement, Thomas Connaughton, Earle Reed, Lee Duncan, John Roman (Donna Wilson's Uncle), Robert Blanchard, Farrell Eggge, Caswell Hobbs, LP Chang, Joe Wilson, Jack W. Richardson (Sharon Meisel's Dad), Ralph Karau, Thomas Moorman Jr (John Moorman's Dad), Mark Amberg, Robert W Richardson (Sharon Meisel's brother), Ru Toyama, Sharon Toyama, Aaron Watts, Jessie J. Hernandez, Thomas Roberts, Charles Lanman, Joseph Wilson (Donna's father), Charles Ballou, Thomas McClure, Bill Gordon, Rudolph Unger.
- ◆ Jim Lindsay recited "On Flanders Field.."
- ◆ **Scottish Walk is December 3. Please join your Rotary Fellows parading through Alexandria.**

Visitors:

Special guests include Sophia Moshasha, Racquel Boursiquot, Aaron Watts, Jay Zelaya, Jennifer Hamer, and L. J. Raspler. Guests are always welcome.

Raffles

Today 50/50: \$35, won by Paul Anderson

Queen of Hearts: Currently has \$200 in the pot and 45 cards left. This week, Roger Grooms failed to pick the Queen.