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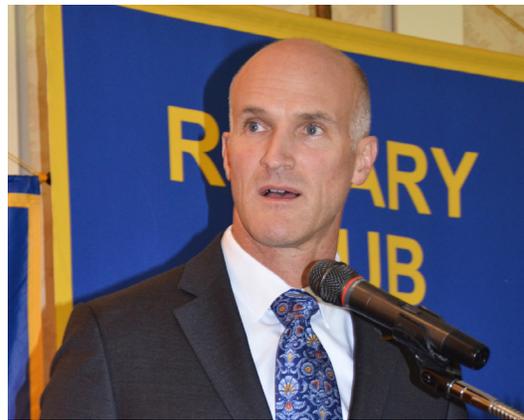
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Brad Frick introduced the speaker, **Col. William J. Butler**, U.S. Army, retired. Col. Butler is now the Chief of Staff at the new National Veterans Memorial and Museum (NVMM) in downtown Columbus

Col. Butler grew up in Cincinnati. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in History from Eastern Kentucky University, a Master of Science in Education from Troy University, and a Master of Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College. He is a graduate of the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses and the Command and General Staff College.

Col. Butler was commissioned a Regular Army Second Lieutenant in the Infantry in 1990. He served in around the U.S. and the world, including a total of nearly 2 years in Afghanistan. He has received numerous recognitions of his service, including the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Commendation Medal, and NATO Medal. He also served as an advisor to the film *Black Hawk Down*.

Col. Butler and his wife have two adult children. They moved to Columbus last year after Col. Butler had retired from 27 years in the Army and had served two years in a civilian post with the Department of the Army in Italy. They have settled in Bexley, and have found the central Ohio community to be very welcoming.

Col. Butler described the origins of the NVMM. It was a vision of the late Sen. John Glenn. It took the place of the old Veterans Memorial, and over time grew in concept and reality from a local or state-oriented institution, to its current status as a national institution. It has become a "storytelling" museum, with veterans sharing their own narratives about their service and sacrifice, and their return to civilian life.

The NVMM has these four "foundational pillars":

- Honoring Americans' contributions to our country through military service
- Connecting civilians with veterans and their experience
- Inspiring visitors to serve their community and nation as active engaged citizens
- Educating schoolchildren about the history and value of service

The NVMM has had approximately 60,000 visitors to date, and has raised \$82 million from corporate and other private sources, and not government funding.

Col. Butler said that the hope is that the NVMM will ultimately attract 300,000 visitors per year. But there are approximately 20 million veterans, so the NVMM is looking at other ways to engage them. For instance, there will be a hiring event for veterans at Top Golf on Sept. 13, with several hundred veterans and 11 companies signed up to participate. On Nov. 8, there will be 10 such events at Top Golf locations around the U.S. There is also a plan to outfit a donated Airstream trailer with museum exhibits and video recording equipment, and this trailer will travel the U.S. to reach veterans who cannot get to the NVMM itself.

At the end of the meeting, Joe Valentino announced that the next Club Fundraiser will take place on May 1, 2020 at the NVMM.

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The Meeting



Herb Gillen opened the meeting.

Dave Hammond gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jim Nicklaus introduced his guest **Dick Hagar**, who had spoken about his work in the Apollo program at the Rotary Roundtable in the morning.

There were no visiting Rotarians.

Notes and Announcements



Herb Gillen described the start of the shed-building project by Rotarians and a Miles-McLellan team at Homeless Families Foundation. Work will continue on Wednesday and Thursday.

Herb also described actions taken at the Club's board meeting on Monday. The board approved a \$1,200 grant for the Barrington-West Broad Street Elementary Schools partnership, which is a match of a grant being made for the same purpose from the fund created by **Mary Ann Krauss** with the Upper Arlington Community Foundation.

The board also approved a new budget, a policy regarding transfer of Club funds to the Club's foundation, and a leave of absence for Matt Meyers.

The board approved a new member initiative, allowing any member to bring 2 guests to a meeting for free in October. And the board OK'ed Herb's request for the creation of a temporary committee that will plan for the Club's 50th anniversary in 2022.

Debbie Johnson also proposed to the board the re-establishment of the Taste of UA event, which will also be discussed with the City and key volunteers, leading to a more formal proposal at a later board meeting.

Herb provided a reminder that minutes of board meetings may be viewed in the password-protected section of the Club's website.

Yvonne Perotti congratulated **Bob Bracco** on the completion of his red badge requirements, even as he was recovering from open-heart surgery, and she presented Bob with his blue badge.

Two new members were introduced to the Club. **Matt Kirby** introduced **Matt Hare**, who has lived in Upper Arlington for 7 years with his wife **Kate** and more recently their young daughter. Matt is a graduate of Reynoldsburg High School and Ohio State. He works at CoverMyMeds. He is a member of the UA Parks and Recreation board, and as a 10-year cancer survivor, he is active with Pelotonia and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

Milt Lustnauer introduced new member **Rudy Whipps**. Rudy is a dentist who is now at a practice in UA, plus he grew up and lives in UA currently. He has 3 children. He graduated from Ohio Wesleyan University and Ohio State's College of Dentistry.

Debbie Johnson described a new mentorship program for new members. The program is designed to ensure that a new member stays engaged in the Club through the assignment of a mentor. The mentor is not necessarily someone whom the new member knows well, but hopefully a friendship can form, and the mentor can encourage further engagement in the Club. Please let Debbie know if you are interested in being a mentor.

Herb thanked **Yvonne Perotti** and **Andy Schmidt** for their work on the red badge program.

Herb announced that **Milt Lustnauer** has been approved by the Board as the Club's president nominee for the 2020-2021 year and will be president in 2022-2023, succeeding **Joe Valentino**. The full club will formally vote on this at the club's annual meeting on December 3rd.



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West Broad Street Update:

Thanks to those that have signed up to work with the kids! Cindy Leonard will be reaching out in the next few weeks to get you all set up with your teachers for the school year.

For those that have not signed up there is still time! Just shoot an email to: ted@f2companies.com and we will get you setup for this school year!

Two important dates:

September 25th at 1:00pm at West Broad Street Elementary

The 2nd and 7 2019 school year kick off is at West Broad this year! We would like as many Rotarians that can to be there in support of this great Foundation. It will also be the announcement to the school and students that we as a club have purchased all the previous Hog Mollies books, and will be distributing them to the 2nd graders throughout the year.

October 25th from 11am-1pm at West Broad Street Elementary

This will be the kickoff party for year 2 of the West Broad/Barrington Partnership. We would love to have Rotarians there to help cook lunch for the kids and staff, and to get to know the kids and the program better. We will have more information on this as we get closer to the date.

October is ROTARY FREE GUESTS MONTH!

For the month of October only, we are allowing every club member to host up to two guests during the month for FREE. We are asking you to consider inviting friends and associates who you feel might make good potential members. We have some great programs scheduled and it is our hope that you will bring friends who may have an interest in joining Rotary. Paul Germain will be promoting membership to those guests who are interested.

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