

# **COUNCIL OF EXCELLENCE COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE**

## **September 11 , 2018**

### Present Committee Members

Dr. Merrill White-Fears, Patrina Jonhson, Audrey Wilburn, Lynice Muhammad, Reverend Sandra Brown

### PURPOSE OF COMMITTEE

Our mission is to seek out, find, and coordinate opportunities for members at Lou Walker Senior Center to volunteer by performing various services throughout the community.

I met with the Senior Vice Commander of Chapter 91 of the Decatur Disabled American Veterans to discuss a plan on how to make Lou Walker Veterans and community veterans aware of an honors day for veterans. On August 15, we set up a table to recruit for veterans that wanted to be honored. On August 15, we attended the DAV meeting held at Lou Walker and made a presentation to continue recruiting veterans from the community.

We were able to register 31 veterans who wanted to be honored on August 25, 2018 by the State of Georgia. We filed required paper work for veterans within the deadline and arranged transportation. We submitted, as requested, the names of veterans to the Lou Walker Administration because they did not have a listing of veterans.

Our committee continues to aggressively pursue a \$500 grant offered by the United Way through the Community Building Institute. A partnership with the United Way offers business, professional, and financial support for the Council Of Excellence. Such a partnership will segue into leadership awareness for council members and can impact the Council positively.

## 2/Community Service Projects Committee

### Community Service Projects Action Items for August:

- Provided a list of veterans to the Lou Walker Administration
- Set up a table for veterans recruitment
- Presented to the Decatur Disabled American Veterans
- Arranged for 31 Lou Walker and community veterans to receive pins and certificates from the State of Georgia on August 25, 2018
- Met our goal of providing volunteer opportunities for a community project with volunteer service from members Ms. Pat Jackson, Mr. Lloyd Allaman, Reverend Sandra Brown, Ms. Audrey Wilburn, Ms. Mary Woodard and myself
- Arranged attendance at 2 required meetings to allow Lou Walker the ability to continue to be eligible for a \$500 CBI grant

Special thanks to Ms. Pat Jackson, COE Outreach Committee Chair, who helped man our table, present to community veterans and register veterans. We also appreciate the assistance from Mr. Lloyd Allaman who provided transportation to the veterans honors program.

I felt especially honored when Mr. Joseph Beavers introduced himself to me on September 5<sup>th</sup>. He was so excited and said he had proudly received his pin and certificate at the ceremony on August 25, but would never have been honored for his service to the Vietnam War if it had not been arranged by the Council of Excellence. If the Community Service Committee can make a difference in the lives of Lou Walker members and other community seniors through our volunteer service projects, we believe we have helped to promote positive growth and success for the members, the community, and the Lou Walker Senior Center.

**Submitted by Merrill White-Fears, Community Service Committee Chair**  
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