Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council
1769 East Moody Blvd
Bunnell, Florida 32110

American Legion Post 115
Disabled American Veterans 86
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8696
Military Order of the Purple Heart

Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on April 1st, 2019 at the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, David Lydon, CVSO, welcomed everyone to the meeting and all attendees followed up by introducing themselves.

Neal McCoppin  MOAA Delegate / VAC Chairman
George Bertish  MOAA Alternate Delegate, V/Chair
David Franks  American Veterans (AMVETS 113), Delegate
David Lydon  County Veterans Service Office (CVSO)
Eric Flores Febles  County Veterans Service Office (AVSO)
Joseph Kowalsky  Marine Corps League, Delegate
Thomas S. Piekarski  VFW, Delegate
Hank Mangles  American Legion, Delegate
Billy Jones  MOAA – Regular Attendee
Tanya Whitaker  Guest Team RWB
Randy Stapleford  Florida’s 6th Congressional District

Absent:
Chris Sleep  MOPH, Delegate
Freddie Vazquez  DAV, Delegate

Correspondence: None

Committee Reports: George Bertish, Advertising Committee will meet with newspaper publisher on April 26, to improve the VAC’s and service organizations’ profile in the county with more media exposure.

Scheduled Guests: Mr. Robert Beck, son of the late Bob Beck, past VAC Chairman addressed the VAC and reiterated his support and offered assistance regarding the Military Honor Cord program named after his father.

Parades & Ceremonies:

- Robert J. Beck Military Service Honor Cord Ceremony, April 23, 2019, 6pm, at VFW Post 8696, will have Lt Col Ed Waller, USAF (Ret) and the county’s first JROTC instructor as guest speaker. Notifications sent to schools, list of seniors being compiled.

- Congressman Michael Waltz will be the guest speaker for the Memorial Day ceremony.

- Organizations with cemetery responsibilities were asked to provide flag quantities needed for placement before Memorial Day.
Old Business:
- Suicide prevention – Tanya Whitaker arranged for a group called Living Works to come to our area to provide suicide awareness training called safeTalk to our county veterans and citizens. The class can accommodate 25 people. The VAC decided to set a state of 6/8/2019, at the VFW.
- The VAC unanimously voted to accept Team RWB as a member. Tanya Whitaker was appointed by their organization as delegate.

New Business:
- Patrick Juliano, Palm Coast is seeking a WWII veteran to present a wreath at their Memorial Day Ceremony.

Good and Welfare:
Team RWB has a Run As 1 National Event coming up.

Patrick Juliano discussed the city’s Memorial Day program and asked for support from the service organizations. The city’s Veterans Day program / picnic is still being planned as well.

The GSB now has two designated Veterans Parking spots adjacent to the Veterans Monument.

The next VAC meeting will be at 4:00PM on May 6, 2019 at the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

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