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
- Marine Corps League 876
- Military Officers Association of America
- AMVETS Post 113

VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on May 6, 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.

In attendance:

- Neal McCoppin  MOAA Delegate / VAC Chairman
- George Bertish  MOAA Alternate Delegate, V/Chair
- David Lydon  County Veterans Service Office (CVSO)
- Eric Flores Febles  County Veterans Service Office (AVSO)
- Hank Mangles  American Legion, Delegate
- Billy Jones  MOAA – Regular Attendee
- Tanya Whitaker  Team RWB
- Patrick Juliano  Representing City of Palm Coast

Absent:
- Chris Sleep  MOPH, Delegate
- Freddie Vazquez  DAV, Delegate
- David Franks  American Veterans (AMVETS 113), Delegate
- Joseph Kowalsky  Marine Corps League, Delegate
- Thomas S. Piekarski  VFW, Delegate
- Randy Stapleford  Florida’s 6th Congressional District

Correspondence: None

Scheduled Guests: Lauren Driscoll, representing Paws of War gave a presentation of what her organization does to benefit veterans. She trains service dogs and teaches veterans how to work with them for their therapy.

John Brady, representing Flagler Lifeline, spoke to the VAC regarding suicide awareness and prevention.

Parades & Ceremonies:

- Preparations for Memorial Day ceremony are continuing.
- Organizations with cemetery responsibilities will be placing flags on veterans grave sites prior to Memorial Day.
- Military Service Honor Cord Ceremony – much positive feedback
- Patrick Juliano, Palm Coast is seeking a WWII veteran to present a wreath at their Memorial Day Ceremony.

Committee Reports: George Bertish, Advertising Committee related he and Neal are now scheduled to meet with newspaper publishers on May 10th, to improve the VAC’s and service organizations’ profile in the county with more media exposure.

Old Business:
- Suicide prevention – Tanya Whitaker discussed the suicide awareness class presented by called a group called Living Works safeTalk coming to our area to provide our county veterans and citizens training. The class can accommodate 25 people and has 6 registered to date. The training date is 6/8/2019, at the VFW.

New Business:
- Service organizations cooperation with veterans emergency assistance

Good and Welfare:

Team RWB offers monthly activities; walks, lunches, kayaking, etc.

The next VAC meeting will be at 4:00PM on June 3, 2019 at the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

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