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 June 3, 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 Franks  American Veterans (AMVETS 113), Delegate
- Joseph Kowalsky  Marine Corps League, Delegate
- Charles Hanger  DAV, Delegate
- David Lydon  County Veterans Service Office (CVSO)
- Eric Flores Febles  County Veterans Service Office (AVSO)
- Randy Stapleford  Florida’s 6th Congressional District
- Billy Jones  MOAA – Regular Attendee
- Tanya Whitaker  Team RWB
- Patrick Juliano  Representing City of Palm Coast

Absent:

- Hank Mangles  American Legion, Delegate
- Chris Sleep  MOPH, Delegate
- Thomas S. Piekarski  VFW, Delegate

Correspondence:  None

Scheduled Guests:  Jonathan Simmons, Palm Coast Observer reporter was present to observe and report on the VAC.

Parades & Ceremonies:

- Local Memorial Day ceremonies were well attended and successful.
- Most organizations had enough flags for cemetery placement. MOAA was short about 25 flags for Craig Flagler Palms cemetery. It was reported that the Masonic cemetery is still in severe disrepair.
- Freedom Fest will be on November 16, 2019. It will allow Roy Sieger, Airport Director will have a better opportunity of getting aircraft and exhibits.
- Patrick Juliano related the City of Palm Coast is still moving forward with a big Veterans Day picnic after their ceremony on Nov 11, 2019.

Committee Reports: The Palm Coast Observer will make an effort to report more regularly on veterans events.

Old Business:
- Discussed a process for alerting the service organizations when a veteran comes into VSO for emergency financial assistance.
- Improving delegate attendance
- Letter to school district requesting more support for the Veterans in the Classroom program tabled until August 2019
- Service organizations cooperation with veterans emergency assistance

New Business:

Good and Welfare:

The next VAC meeting will be at 4:00PM on July 1, 2019 at the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

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