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
Team RWB

VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on July 1, 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:
George Bertish          MOAA Alternate Delegate, V/Chair
David Franks           American Veterans (AMVETS 113), Delegate
Joseph Kowalsky        Marine Corps League, Delegate
Charles Hanger         DAV, Delegate
George O’Dell          DAV Commander
Eric Flores Febles      County Veterans Service Office (AVSO)
Randy Stapleford       Florida’s 6th Congressional District
Billy Jones             MOAA – Regular Attendee
Tanya Whitaker         Team RWB
Hank Mangles           American Legion, Delegate
Chris Sleep            MOPH, Delegate
Thomas S. Pickarski    VFW, Delegate
Jonathan Simmons       Palm Coast Observer

Absent:
Neal McCoppin          MOAA Delegate / VAC Chairman
Patrick Juliano        Representing City of Palm Coast

Correspondence: None

Scheduled Guests: None

Parades & Ceremonies:
- Discussed Veterans Day Ceremonies (County/City/Flagler Beach) events dates and hours.
- Recommend US Army (Ret) General Ernest “Ernie” C. Audino as a guest speaker. Mr. Stapleford will do will check on it.
- VAC inquired about VAC responsibilities for Freedom Fest that will be on November 16, 2019.
- Vice Chairman inquired about 4th of July events in the County and if the VAC was involve with any of them.

Committee Reports: N/A

Old Business: None

New Business:
- Introduced John Sowell, the new temporary VSO to the VAC.
- VAC decided on FC Veterans of the Year selecting Board. Approved on one County Commissioner, a person from Flagler County District School Board (past or present), a person from FC Sherriff Department (preferable a Veteran), a person from FC Fire Department (preferable a Veteran), and one person from the VAC. Mr. Jones and Eric Flores Febles will look for the candidates.
- Recommendation to advertise FC Veterans Day ceremony on the Observer, County webpage, and radio.
- Mr. Stapleford explained the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program.
- Eric Flores Febles explained the new law governing the VA Home Loan Benefits.
- Vice Chairman suggest to the VAC members to bring from their organizations any future planned event so it can be share and publicized in the Palm Coast Observer.
- Vice Chairman encouraged to all VAC members to listen to Veterans on Point radio show. It was suggested to that if any organization have or recommend a guest to participate in the radio show to let the VSO know.
- Hank Mangels recommend to invite a speaker from the Twenty Two Until None organization to be in our radio show.

**Good and Welfare:** None

The next VAC meeting will be at 4:00PM on August 5, 2019 at the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

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