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 August 5, 2019 at the Board of County Commissioners Conference Room.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Eric Flores Febles, ACVSO, 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
Joseph Kowalsky Marine Corps League, Delegate
Charles Hanger DAV, Delegate
Eric Flores Febles County Veterans Service Office (AVSO)
Randy Stapleford Florida’s 6th Congressional District
Joseph Kowalsky Marine Corps League, Delegate
Charles Hanger DAV, Delegate
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
Patrick Juliano City of Palm Coast

Absent:
George O’Dell DAV Commander

Correspondence: None

Scheduled Guests: None

Parades & Ceremonies:
- Continue with preparations for Veterans Day Ceremonies (County/City/Flagler Beach) events dates and hours.
- DAV agreed to bring refreshment to Flagler County Veterans Day ceremony.
- Confirmed US Army (Ret) Brigadier General Ernest “Ernie” C. Audino as a guest speaker.
- Patrick Juliano from the city of Palm Coast talked about the Veterans Day Celebration event on November 11, 2019 at the Central Park in Town Center from 11:00am to 1:pm.
- Freedom Fest dates were discussed and the involvement of the VAC members in the event.
- Discussed the responsibilities of the local organizations in Flagler County Veterans Day ceremony.
- Discussed ways to advertise Flagler County Veterans Day ceremony.

Committee Reports: N/A
Old Business:
- Flagler County Veterans Service Office continue to process Blue Water Navy disability claims.
- Listen to Veterans on Point radio show. Every Sunday at 9:30am on WNZF 94.9fm.

New Business:
- Eric Flores Febles thanks everyone that participated in the Purple Heart proclamation ceremony.
- 2019 Flagler County Veteran of the Year selection will be on October 10, 2019 at 4:00pm in the BOCC Conference Room, GSB, 1769 East Moody Blvd, Bunnell, FL.
- 2019 Flagler County Veteran of the Year selection committee members will be (BOCC (Charles Erickson (1)), Flagler County Schools (John Fischer (1)), FC Sherriff Dep (Chief of Staff Mark Strobridge (1)), and FC Fire Dep (Nate Webster) (1)), VAC (Neal McCoppin (1)).
- VAC Vice Chairman suggested to contact the Florida Governor’s office regarding the “Governor's Veterans Service Award.” Mr. Stapleford made a recommendation to the VAC Chairman to contact the Governor’s office and stated that he will provide an email address to contact the Governor’s office.
- VAC Chairman Neal McCoppin welcome Palm Coast Observer representative.
- VAC Vice Chairman praised Palm Coast Observer representative and encouraged all delegate from our local military organization to submit news articles about their organization to the newspaper for publishing. Deadlines for submission is Tuesday evening for Thursday’s edition of the newspaper. Veteran’s newspaper articles is publish once a month, Thursday publication following the VAC meeting.
- Charles Mangels, DAV Chapter 86 delegate, suggested buying an 8th of a page for advertisement in the Palm Coast Observer. The VAC Chairman will follow up.

Good and Welfare: None

The next VAC meeting will be at 4:00PM on September 9, 2019 at the Finance Department Conference Room, Government Service Building, 3rd Floor.

Eric Flores Febles, Acting CVSO
Flagler County Veterans Services
1769 E. Moody Blvd., Bldg. 2, Bunnell, FL 32110
386-313-4014