Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council  
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American Legion Post 115  
Disabled American Veterans 86  
Italian American War Veterans Post 7  
Jewish War Veterans Post 300  

Marine Corps League 876  
Military Officers Association of America  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5213  
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8696

VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council was called to order at 4:05 p.m. on April 4, 2016 at the BOCC Conference Room.

Following a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Gary E. DeKay and the Pledge of Allegiance, members introduced themselves.

Billy Jones  
George Stockley  
David Lydon  
George Schnaudigel  
Rick Cimino  

MOAA  
American Legion 115  
VFW 8696  
DAV 86  
ITAM VETS 7

Guest Speaker: None.

Correspondence: CVSO Assistant, Eric Flores, reviewed the April Veterans Information Package with the members. Emphasis was given to the latest update regarding the Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015 and that there will be a charge, not yet determined, in order to obtain this card. In addition, this card is not intended for Veterans to get discount at retail stores or restaurants.

Committee Reports: None

Parades & Ceremonies: Mr. Billy Jones reminded the VAC members to tell their organizations be at the Memorial Day Ceremony site 30 minutes prior to the commencement of the ceremony with their flags.

Old Business: Joe Mayer gave an update regarding the Veterans Day weekend Vietnam Traveling Wall event. He stated that the County received a nice commemorative plaque about having the Vietnam wall in Palm Coast, a letter signed by the President in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam Wall, and a flag to be flown on Veterans Day. Mr. Mayer also mentioned that he did talk to the Board of County Commissioners and they all agreed that we should move the Veterans Day ceremony to the airport. He also stated that he is encouraging the other municipalities to have a combined Veterans Day ceremony and that he is moving other
channels known to him from the city of Palm Coast to help him to persuade other City shareholders to accomplish this event. He asked the VAC members if they know anybody in any of the other cities that would like to participate in this joint ceremony to please let Mr. Mayer know and he will contact them.

Mr. Randy Stapleford asked of any thought to make a tribute on this day in memory of the late Gary E. DeKay since this event was initiated by him and Mr. Mayer made a recommendation to change the name of Flagler County Veterans of the Year Award to Colonel Gary E. DeKay Veterans of the Year Award. A vote will be taken at the next VAC meeting.

In regards to the same subject, Mr. Lydon (VFW Representative) mentioned that he will get in contact with Mrs. Carla DeKay to obtain the point of contact list that Gary had to follow up where he left it. Mr. George Stockley mentioned that the American Legion Chapter 115 raised their commitment toward this event from $350.00 to $500.00. Mr. George Schnaudigel (DAV 86 Representative) stated also that their chapter made a cash contribution commitment toward this event.

A question was raised by Mr. Stockley regarding sitting and long distance walk to and from this event for disabled and senior Veterans. Mr. Mayer replied that there is going to be plenty of chairs, some of them reserved for seniors and disabled, and that arrangements will be made to provide transportation. The COP will provide support and if needed, Flagler County Transportation will provide transportation.

New Business: None.

Good and Welfare: None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m. The next meeting will be May 2, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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