Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council
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Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8696

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 September 12, 2016 at the BOCC Conference Room.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members introduced themselves.

Billy Jones          MOAA
Randall Morris      American Legion 115
George Bertish      MOAA
David Lydon         VFW 8696
David Franks        AMVETS 113

Guest Speaker: None.

Correspondence: CVSO Sal Rutigliano reviewed the September Information Package with the members.

Committee Reports: Reminder to VAC organizations regarding the Vietnam Travelling Wall:

- It requires certain things to make this happen:
  - $5,500.00 to cover the costs including the drivers per diem, set up, etc.
  - 20 volunteers needed on November 10th to set it up and November 14th to take it down.
  - Note that a deposit of $1,000.00 was sent in November, 2015.
  - There is a signed agreement as a result with a remainder due on November 11, 2016.

David Lydon indicated that the pledged amounts were received by MOAA for the Wall. VAC organization may have a table display with information re: membership but no items for sale. They may have a donation container with the cause where the donations will be used.

Parades & Ceremonies: Roy Sieger, Flagler County Airport Director, had previously presented an update re: Veterans Day weekend Vietnam Traveling Wall event. He stated that WNZF radio
station will sponsor the event. The radio station will donate $1,000.00 toward bringing the Wall to the event.

WNZF will bring in vendors which will offset the cost of the concert, stage, and static displays. There will be a separation of the displays, concert etc. from the Wall in order to maintain reverence and respect.

Discussion focused on whether there should be a charge or a donation, or separate charge for entrance to static displays and/or concert. There is also the possibility of Vietnam-era helicopters, i.e. Chinook, on display. Roy stated that WNZF radio would take care of fundraising from their sources for the displays and concerts.

CVSO Rutigliano reviewed the schedule of events for Veterans Day ceremony and Freedom fest. The Guest Speaker will be BG Richard Butterfield, US Army (Retired). The Veteran of the Year will be recognized. There has been no nomination packets submitted as of this date.

Flagler Schools Veterans Day Essay Contest Winners will receive award certificates. Following the ceremony, Congressman DeSantis will award the Vietnam Veteran Lapel pin to those eligible veterans present.

WNZF will have a Freedom fest flyer out by the end of the month.

**Old Business:**

There will be a motorcycle escort for the Vietnam Travelling Wall as it comes in to the Airport. David Franks, AMVETS and David Lydon will coordinate that.

**New Business:** Randall Morris, representing The Flagler Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution and Old Kings Highway Chapter of the DAR requested that their flags be included in the Posting of colors for the Veterans Day ceremony. Billy Jones asked that their color bearers report no later than 0930 at the Flagler County Airport.

George Bertish reminded everyone that Christ Lutheran Church has a Veterans Day ceremony on November 13, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. He requested that the VAC organizations bring their colors and stands to the church by 0930.
Good and Welfare: None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. Flagler County Veteran’s Service Office will be closed from October 3, 2016 to October 7, 2016 due to our require participation in the annual County Veterans Service Office Training Conference. The next meeting will be October 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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