VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council was called to order at 4:00 p.m. on November 1st, 2016 at the Finance Department Conference Room.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members introduced themselves.

George Stockley    American Legion 115
David Franks       AMVETS 113
Sharon Gallagher   Christ Lutheran Church
George Schnaudigel DAV
Randy Stapleford   Military and Veteran Affairs Office of Congressman Ron DeSantis (FL06)
Billy Jones         MOAA
George Bertish     MOAA
Randall Morris     Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution
David Lydon        VFW 8696

Guest Speaker: None.

Correspondence: AVSO Eric Flores Febles reviewed the November Information Booklet with the members and briefed them on the relatively new VA Delta Dental Plan for Veterans.

Committee Reports: None

Parades & Ceremonies: Veterans Day Ceremony and 2016 Freedom Festival events. Mr. Rutigliano stated that a flyer was published and publicized by the County, before the local radio station put their own flyer and broadcast radio ads of the FreedomFest 2016. He also added that the County flyer focuses more on the Veterans Day Ceremony and Vietnam Wall, and the radio station flyer emphasis was aligned more to the daily events. He confirmed that the Flagler Palm Coast High School Marching Band will be participating to play Armed Forces medley and patriotic songs. Mr. Rutigliano reminded the VAC members that Retired Army National Guard Brigadier General Richard Butterfied was going to be our guest speaker for the ceremony. Mr. Morris asked if these activities were going to be held in front of the Government Service
Building as usual and Mr. Rutigliano replied that the ceremony and the 2016 Freedom Fest events would all be conducted at the Flagler County Executive Airport. Mr. Jones stated the time and place where all local organizations participating in this events need to be. Mr. Stapleford asked if there is any blueprint that shows the entire staging of the events (stage, booth, chair, etc.) and Mr. Rutigliano responded that he had a copy of a print out that Mr. Ray Parker gave him that was drafted by Mr. Roy Siegel, Airport Director that shows the same. Mr. Rutigliano explained where the parking was going to be set and that the airport department would have golf carts providing transportation from the parking area to the ceremony sitting area. Mr. Stapleford asked if the airport director was going to be present in today’s meeting and Mr. Rutigliano replied that he was not. Mr. Stapleford then requested to Mr. Rutigliano can follow up and find the answers regarding these issues. Mr. Rutigliano also reiterated that any Veteran Organization participating in this event would have to bring and set their own tents and tables would have to bring their own. Mr. Schnaudigel, DAV representative, asked if the donations collected among the local organization was going to be share among all of the organization. Sal replied that donations collected by each local organization are to be kept for the organization itself. Mr. David Lydon explained that there was going to be a kiosk near the wall and that all the donations collected at this kiosk will be equally distributed among all the local organization. Sal reiterated that there will be commercial vendors that are sponsoring this event that will sale food, beverages, and other goodies. Mr. Stapleford then asked who was going to be sitting in the stage and Sal replied that Congressman DeSantis, the Commissioners, the Guest Speaker, Mrs. DeKay, the Chaplain, the 2016 County Veteran of the Year, and the Master of Ceremony. Mr. Stapleford raised some important protocols questions because this ceremony was going to be kind of special because of the media participation. He requested again, a follow up meeting to be scheduled for Monday, November 7 with all the event stakeholders, including Mr. Roy Sieger, Flagler County Executive Airport, to resolve the specifics and to try to get answers for all the questions that arouse during this VAC meeting. All VAC meeting attendees agreed upon. An email with the place and time of this meeting will follow.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Good and Welfare:** None.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m. The next meeting will be December 5, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.

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