



**Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council
1769 East Moody Blvd
Bunnell, Florida 32110**

American Legion Post 115

Disabled American Veterans 86

Italian American War Veterans Post 7

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8696

Marine Corps League 876

Military Officers Association of America

Amyvets Post 113

VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Flagler County Veterans Advisory Council was called to order at 4:02 p.m. on December 5, 2016 at the BOCC Conference Room.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members introduced themselves.

George Stockley	American Legion 115
David Franks	AMVETS 113
Sharon Gallagher	Christ Lutheran Church
Richard Mikola	Marine Corps League/Purple Heart
George Bertish	MOAA
Eric Flores Febles	ACVSO

David Lydon, CVSO was absent attending VSO certification course.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Larry White (The American Flag Project) was scheduled but he did not show up for his presentation. He will be re-scheduling for the next VAC meeting.

Correspondence: ACVSO Eric Flores Febles reviewed and discussed the December Information Booklet with the members and brief them on the VFW Action Corps Weekly news, the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA) news updates, Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) news summary, and the Department of Veterans Affairs news release.

Committee Reports: None

Parades & Ceremonies: Flagler County ACVSO reminded all VAC attendees to begin preparing for the 2017 Memorial Day Ceremony.

Old Business: Flagler County AVSO gave his sincere thanks to all local organizations for their participation and contribution to the Veterans Day Ceremony as well as the 2016 FreedomFest events. Mr. Bertish also expressed his gratitude to all members that did participate in his church Veteran's Day Ceremony. Mr. Franks gave merit to all the church ceremony organizers and

recommended and encourage all to attend 2017 Christ Lutheran Church Veteran's Day Ceremony.

New Business: Flagler County AVSO reminded all presents to update their local military organization 2017 delegate appointment letter no later than the next VAC meeting. He also reminds them that Ron DeSantis December's Flagler County office hours will be held on Wednesday, December 7 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM. In addition to the routine services offered, the Military Affairs representative, Randy Stapleford will be on-hand to present a commemorative pin to Vietnam-era veterans who were unable to attend the Freedom Fest event in Flagler County.

The ACVSO mentioned to the attendees that Mr. Randy Stapleford, Congressman Ron DeSantis Military Affairs Representative, suggested to the Mayor of Palm Coast City, if there is no objection from VAC members to have one City representative participating in our monthly VAC meeting. There were no objections, but they brought to my attention that there are two other mayors in this County. I told them that I was going to bring this topic to Mr. David Lydon so he can discuss the same with Mr. Stapleford.

In addition, the ACVSO reminded the VAC member that VFW would be the 2017 VAC meeting Chairman. Mrs. Sharon Gallagher mentioned that she will be replacing Mr. George Bertish as the Christ Lutheran Church representative. Mr. Bertish also mentioned that 2017 Veteran's Day falls on a Saturday and that their church Veteran's Day ceremony will be held on Sunday, November 12, 2017.

Good and Welfare: The ACVSO asked all attendees that if any of their organization would like to advertise a future activity or event in our next information booklet, please fax it or email to us no later than the week prior to our next VAC meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. Next VAC meeting will be on January 9, 2017 in the Finance Department Conference Room, 3rd Floor.



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