



**Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc.
Minutes of January 26, 2017**

Officers present: Chairman Bill Dudley; Vice Chairman Ray Quinn, Secretary Michael Rothfeld, Treasurer John Mountcastle, Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm

Chairman Dudley led the **Pledge** to the Flag and SGM Ray Quinn gave the **Invocation**.

Last month's **Minutes & Treasurers reports** were approved as presented at the meeting.

Visitors: none

Speakers:

Alexander Warmker, FL Dept of Ag & Consumer Affairs. Alex spoke about their Mission of Educating Consumers from unfair business practices and how thru their website and phone number, these frauds can be checked and help given on gas prices, charities, medicare, etc.. Phone 1-800-435-7352, or www.800helpfla.com .

Stan Halter, Capt USN (ret) and Treasurer of the USS Adams project to bring the Adams and a Museum to Jacksonville. They expect to have the Museum operating in about 4 ½ months. Contributions and volunteers are needed. Phone 904-910-5241. The Adams will also be used for weddings, reunions, meetings, etc. It is expected to bring 165,000 visitors a year and generate \$ 31 million a year for the city with plenty of nearby parking.

Committee Reports:

Joe McDermott, Sr SJC VSO: The VA has listed 8 presumptive conditions for the Camp Le Jeune Marines who served during specific time frame.

The VA CBOC is now in the bid process

Michael Rothfeld, Secretary: Documentary dvds will be distributed to schools and libraries in the surrounding 4 counties.

Kathy Church, MIAP FL: April 1 will be the 11th Call to Honor at Lake Worth, 20 veterans & spouses will be interred.

Ray Quinn: Spoke about the **Military Ball Honoring Council Chairman Bill Dudley as Outstanding Military Person of the Year**. An honor only bestowed twice before on two generals.

Chairman Dudley: **Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator Brian Jacobson will be the speaker at the February 23rd Veterans Council** meeting.

New Business:

Good of the order:

Fred Dupont's Vietnam Marines will be invading town shortly so be prepared.

John Leslie updated group about his attendance at a VA Health Committee meeting.

Jim Crutchfield, VTC coordinator of mentors: Jan. 29 VTC officially begins, there are 9 possible candidates. First Court date is February 24.

Meeting ended at 8:19 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 23rd at the Health & Human Services Building, Muscovy Room

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rothfeld, Secretary, Veterans Council SJC