

Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. Minutes of June 30, 2016

Officers present: Chairman Bill Dudley; Vice Chairman Ray Quinn, Secretary Michael Rothfeld; Treasurer John Mountcastle
Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 1900 hours

Chairman Dudley led the Pledge to the Flag

Vice Chairman Quinn gave the Invocation

Last month's Minutes were approved as presented at the meeting.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as presented at the meeting.

Visitors:

GYSGT Michael Vincente, Exec. Director of Atlantic Coast Young Marines

Lee Brown III, Commander Dept. of FL Military Order of the Purple Heart

Presentation:

Rory Diamond, Exec Dir., K9s For Warriors presented Council member Herb "Sock Man" Naumann and Chairman Dudley with 1000 white socks for Herb to distribute to veterans in nursing homes and at the Homeless Veterans Stand Down

Speakers:

John Leslie, CDR US Navy (Ret): CDR Leslie spoke about his new book, "In My Father's Footsteps" which tells of the similarities between father and son as Naval aviators.

Committee Reports:

Joe McDermott, SJC VSO: The Homeless Veterans Standdown is on August 20th, setup on the 19th at the St. Augustine Elks Lodge.

Radio station WSOS will be broadcasting weekly from Beaver Toyota awarding "Veteran of the Week".

Beaver Toyota will be donating money for the DAV van from every car sold during the month of July.

Veterans ID cards will not be available until 2017.

George Linardos, Chairman MOAA: George spoke about plans for the Veterans Day Parade, the 3 day Veterans Film Festival, and the planned concert at the Amphitheater featuring a big name Country singer. The parade will feature several military bands, JROTC, ROTC, helicopters and a fly over. Consul Generals of France, Spain and England will attend the parade.

Kathy Church, FL Director of MIAP, MIAP is in need of volunteers.

Steve Spickelmier of The Air Force SGTs Assoc. donated \$ 200 to the MIAP for urns.

Ray Quinn: Ray will be in charge of the Wreaths Across America program again. Ray asked for a volunteer site manager for WAA and someone stepped up to fill that position.

Michael Rothfeld: Michael spoke about the VCs Facebook page, its website and its new relationship with the Univ. of FLs Digital Media Military Library which will contain copies of the Patriot Reader and the VCs 5 documentaries.

Tammy Shirley, St Johns County Assistant VSO: Tammy will be in charge of the August 20th Veterans Homeless Stand Down at the Elks Lodge. Volunteers are needed on Friday Aug. 19th at 9:00 am and on Saturday at 8:30 am.

Meeting ended at 2030

Next Meeting: Thursday, July 28th, 7 pm, Elks Lodge # 829, A1A S., St. Augustine

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rothfeld, Secretary, Veterans Council SJC