

Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. Minutes of November 17, 2016

Officers present: Chairman Bill Dudley; Secretary Michael Rothfeld, Treasurer John Mountcastle
Vice Chairman Ray Quinn not present
Chairman Dudley called the meeting to order at 1902 hours

Chairman Dudley led the Pledge to the Flag and gave the invocation.

Last month's Minutes were approved as presented at the meeting.
The Treasurer's Report was approved as amended at the meeting.

Visitors:

Eric West, Publisher of Patriotic Publishing

Speakers:

John Leslie, John attended an all day seminar of the NE FL/S GA Health System to learn more about the system and what it offers veterans. The purpose of the seminar was to bring together veterans and the health services available to them. Topics discussed- suicide prevention, PTSD, resources available to veterans returning from combat tours, and transitioning returning to society after tour. The objective of summit was to bring VA and veterans community together.

Eric West, Eric distributed copies of his magazine, *Military Deals USA*. It is available at the VFW, American Legion and over 40 places in the county.

Committee Reports:

Joe McDermott, SJC VSO: Mac said the Parade, the St Augustine Beach ceremony, the Film Festival were all very successful. He mentioned Ken Burns upcoming 18 hour Vietnam documentary out next November and that COL Kushner would be in it. Mac attended the Fallen Heroes ceremony honoring Iraq/Afghanistan veterans. Liberty Pines and Valley Ridge held ceremonies for Veterans Day also.

Chairman Dudley:

The Veterans Day Parade was outstanding, as was the Military Film Festival and the Lee Greenwood concert.
Wreaths Across America has raised \$ 10,031, ore money is still needed.
A reminder to attend Sen. Hutson's Veterans Council fundraiser on Saturday Nov. 19.

New Business:

George Milroy representing the Air Force Sergeant's association presented Chairman Dudley with a check for \$ 250. For Wreaths Across America.
Fred Dupont, the Elks 829 and USO have teamed up again to feed over 750 veterans for Christmas. The Boating Club has donated \$ 1000. To Wreaths Across America.

Meeting ended at 2030

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 29th, 7 pm, Elks Lodge # 829, 1420 A1A S., St. Augustine

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rothfeld, Secretary, Veterans Council SJC