## Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. Minutes of February 25th<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## **Speakers:**

**Jennifer Wills:** First Coast Technical College. FCTC offers veterans 1 year certification in programs that will enable them to pursue second careers. Some of the courses offered are: Aircraft fabrication, Automotive technology, Diesel technology, Welding, HVAC, Medical Assistant and many others.

For additional info contact Jennifer Wills: jennifer.wills@fctc.edu

**Eric West** of Patriotic Publishing: Eric will publish a free publication via email to local veterans. The publication will contain special deals for the military. It will be distributed to the American Legion, VFWs, FL NG and other military organizations. <a href="https://www.MilitaryDealsUSA.com">www.MilitaryDealsUSA.com</a>, <a href="mailto:Eric@MilitaryDealsUSA.com">Eric@MilitaryDealsUSA.com</a>

## **Committee Reports:**

**Ray Quinn, the COL Ed Taylor Award: Detachment** The COL Ed Taylor Award this year was presented to The Oldest City Detachment, Marine Corps League, St. Augustine. The Detachments Signature program was Toys for Tots which served 3,000 needy, local kids for 2015.

**Ray Quinn, Wreaths Across America:** Ray presented Chairman Dudley with a Certificate of Appreciation from WAA for furthering the **WAA Mission by Remembering, Honoring & Teaching.** 

**Joe McDermott, SJC VSO**: Mac spoke about the VA Health Care Insurance and about the DAV Van. There may be some procedural changes that are required by the VA.

**Kathy Church, FL State Coordinator MIAP:** April 9<sup>th</sup> will be MIAPs 9<sup>th</sup> service. It will be in So. FL for 24 veterans and their families.

George Linardos, MOAA: The Sounds of Freedom Concert was cancelled.

**Jim Wright, Veterans Treatment Court**: still waiting formal approval from the Judge. Policies and procedures are in place awaiting the formal okay. The training plan is written.

Chairman Dudley: the VC has a list of furniture for needy veterans, please contact Bill with your needs.

## REMEMBER TO REGISTER, REMEMBER TO VOTE

Meeting ended at 8:20 pm

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 24th, 7 pm, 200 San Sebastien Way

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rothfeld, Secretary, VC SJC