

Veterans Council of St. Johns County, Inc. Minutes of July 28, 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:

Officers from American Legion Post 45, Palatka were at the meeting, Commander David Wilkinson, Ted Rodda, Stan Owens and Greg Andries, welcome to the Veterans Council of St Johns County monthly meeting

Speakers:

St Johns County Sheriff David Shoar: The Veterans Council strongly supports the Sheriff's Dept. and will be joining with them to show their support by forming a **"Vets and Cops: One Team"** initiative to let the greater community know. This will be done initially with bumper stickers and pins.

Committee Reports:

Joe McDermott, SJC VSO: Mac updated us on the new CBOC.

Tammy Shirley: The Homeless Veterans Standdown is on August 20th, setup on the 19th at the St. Augustine Elks Lodge. The Stand Down is still in need of clothes, towels and volunteers

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.

Steve Spickelmier, FL Director of MIAP: MIAP is in need of volunteers. Next interment will be in October in Lake Worth.

Ray Quinn: Ray will be in charge of the Wreaths Across America program again. WAA has to raise \$ 9,000 to cover all grave sites with wreaths. Please ask your organizations to donate to this very worthy cause.

Michael Rothfeld: Michael spoke about the VCs Facebook page as well as the 3 day Military Film Festival Nov. 11, 12, 13. There will be featured speakers before each documentary, names to be announced shortly.

Meeting ended at 2030

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 25th, 7 pm, Elks Lodge # 829, A1A S., St. Augustine

Respectfully submitted by Michael Rothfeld, Secretary, Veterans Council SJC