

VETERANS' COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday 14 April 2016 @ 1900

1) Call to order at 1900 with PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE @ Town Hall

2) Roll Call

Present: VSO K. Jermyn, J. Asher, J. Buckley, T. Burbank, J. Clifton, E. Guild, Jr., P. Koenen, M. DeMenna, J. Rayburn, D. Sargent

Not Present: S. McMillan, W. Ramsey

Guests: HPD Officer Thomas Ford and HHS Wrestling team seniors, Mike Patillo, Joey Ryan & Ben Hurdle, representing the HHS Veterans Appreciation Club

3) Reports

- a) Secretary - minutes from 3 March 2016 accepted as written
- b) Treasurer - report accepted as written
- c) VSO Report – Special Announcement: Chief Jermyn promoted to Senior Chief Petty Officer
 1. Half-Staff Flag Report – 5 this month
 2. 31 Clients - expenditure \$19,250.67 on fuel, food, medications, dental and misc. expenses for veterans in need
 3. Consolidated Flag Program continues to succeed – accrued 158 points. Town is being reimbursed by other organizations purchasing flags through this program
 4. Correspondence:
 - i. WATD Hingham Veterans program – spread news of initiatives benefiting Hingham veterans, including special legislation for Veterans In Need check-off box on tax-bill stuffers
 - ii. StoryCorps - W. Ramsey & K. Jermyn interviewed by Eileen McIntyre – links of interviews to be stored in Library of Congress
 - iii. Continuing education for first responders on unique veterans' needs
 1. BATTLEMINDS – repeat TBA
 2. HOME BASE – Red Sox & MGH offering 5-module course
 - iv. Memorial for former HPD Chief Raymond “Buddy” Campbell to be installed; location TBD
 - v. USMC vet confined to nursing home will receive Challenge Coin
 5. Other:
 - i. Need liaison for UM Boston – Sweeney Award
 - ii. Need details on Memorial Day speaker: uniform of day, # of people in speaker's party, speaker bio & electronic copy of speech for *Hingham Journal*
 - iii. Need support for legislation to increase terms for veterans' agents from 1- to 3-year appointments

4) Old Business

- a) Memorial Day plans are underway
- b) Foss Memorial – Chair to work with sculptor & massDOT project manager to organize remaining details
 1. Base of casting
 2. Lighting
 3. Timing of dedication – prior to or following opening of building

Approved 5 May 2016

5) New Business:

- a) Veterans Appreciation Club Fundraising results
 - i) Presented by HHS students – raised over \$600, funds will be matched by Veterans Council Benefit Fund to fund pizza every Friday through year-end from Sub Galley for Commander Anderson House residents. Pizza deliveries began last week. Other club activities included:
 - (1) Writing “Thank You” notes to Linden Ponds veterans
 - (2) Assisting Bob Beal with Christmas in the Square activities
 - (3) Hosting a wrestling meet to honor veterans
 - (4) Fundraising:
 - (a) Selling bracelets
 - (b) Collecting donations
 - (c) Raffling off HHS parking spot
- b) USMC Corporal Christopher J. Orlando
 - i) Remains of 9 of the 12 Marines recovered; search for remains terminated by USMC Commandant
 - ii) Memorial Mass at St. Paul’s Church, Friday 29 April @ 1100. Requesting Honor Guard
 - iii) Scholarship meeting Tuesday to discuss establishing a perpetual scholarship in his name

6) Adjournment: 2020

Respectfully Submitted by: Maureen DeMenna, Secretary