

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Bozman Government Center

Attendees:

Joe Simonelli, Chair

Jim Schwartz, Deputy County Manager

Lt. Colonel Mark Paolicelli, JBM-HH

Frank O'Leary, USS Arlington

Michael Griffin, Integrated Health & Wellness/APCYF

Gwen McQueeney, VOA Chesapeake

Richard Lane, Legal Service of Northern Virginia

Eric Gordon, JBM-HH

Dan Donahue, American Legion Post 139

Andy Penn, Deputy Chief, ACPD

Chona Acker, ACPD

1. Chair Remarks

- New format during meetings and will be rotating location for future meetings.

2. Sub-Committee Reports

- USS Arlington (Frank O'Leary):
 - Commissioning of five foot mold of the ship to be housed in atrium floor of Bozman Government Center. Slated for 2020 dedication. Interactive screens with rolling story of events will be available.
 - Arlington Board passed resolution for former Commander Marzano
 - Virginia General Assembly also passed House Joint Resolution No. 1016 commending Captain Todd Marzano.
 - Asked Delegate Patrick Hope to pass onto Secretary of Navy.
- APS (LT Paolicelli):
 - Impact of Community during deployment of parent(s) for child(ren) attending APS school
 - Planning and Evaluation – agreement MOU – show support for realignment of county to support military families. Congress agreement between DOD/DOE is in place.
 - Mike Griffith/ LT Paolicelli/ Joe Simonelli to meet to discuss how county can participate in the Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) educational partnership. Each military child that is enrolled in APS, the county would receive \$20K.

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- Events / Programs (Brenna McQueeney/Dan Donahue):
 - Volunteers of America (VOA) Chesapeake – serving VA/DC/MD/NC. Assists those in need of affordable housing, employment, those with “normal injuries” and “invisible wounds”
 - American Legion 139/ Veterans Service Officer (VSO) will attend May meeting to discuss:
 - What is membership criteria
 - What is their mission
 - What can we do for each other to achieve goals without duplication of efforts
 - Retirement of Flags - How best to retire nylon flags as they cannot be burned. Receives hundreds on an annual basis.

3. Organizational Updates

- JBMHH (LT Paolicelli)
 - MOA – will set up meeting with Michael Griffin regarding educational funding
 - VDOT – signs will be made indicating new joint name
 - Anniversary date is October 1st
 - Congressman Don Beyer will attend ceremony. Will speak on daycare, infrastructural challenges
 - Hosting April 21st Easter Sunrise Service at 0630 hours. Open to the public.
 - Infrastructure issues
 - Funding
 - Department of Water Works
 - Working with NOVA using HVAC classrooms as the installers for the base
 - Would like to emphasize that there are jobs available on the military installation for civilians
 - E911 consolidated call center
- BIDS – DC Penn/ Joe Simonelli to reach out to local businesses and how to incorporate military/veterans in community initiatives
- Annual Report (Brian Stout)
 - What has happened throughout the year
 - What are the accomplishments
 - Set goals/objectives for following year
- Next meeting
 - Wednesday, May 8, 2019
1800 – 1930 hours
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