

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
GMU- Antonin Scalia Law School
3301 Fairfax Drive, Arlington VA 22201

Attendees:

Joe Simonelli, Chair

Dulce Carillo, Coordinator of Community Engagement

Eric Gordon, Chief Plans Analysis & Integration Office

J. Michael Griffin, Schools Subcommittee Lead

Jay E. Kalner, President Vietnam Veterans of America

Christy Kenady, Northern Virginia Program Manager, Serving Together

Richard Lane, Veterans Law Project, Legal Services of Northern Virginia

Timothy M. MacArthur, Director & Clinical Professor, M-VETS

Andy Penn, Deputy Chief of Police, Arlington County Police Department

Kevin Reardon, USS Arlington Community Alliance

James Schwartz, Deputy County Manager, Arlington County Manager's Office

Leigh Winstead, Deputy Director & Clinical Professor, M-VETS

Chona Acker, Arlington County Police Department

Chair Remarks:

Thank you to Tim MacArthur and Leigh Winstead for hosting meeting.

Dan Donahue hospitalized on Sunday, December 8th.

American Legion – what services are needed be provided? How can we get veterans involved?

M-VETS (Mason Veterans) Introduction

Tim MacArthur – M-VETS represent clients from any state...does not necessarily have to be Virginia resident. They provide free legal representation to active duty and veterans and dependents. Students do legal work and must complete 180 hours. Students are supervised. Referrals are welcome.

Financial support is funded by Law School. 100% internally funded. Looking for donations.

Services provided include: benefits, medical discharge, records correction and entitlements. Also, domestic issues such as divorce, adoptions, name changes and child support. This includes housing, contracts, wills and power of attorney and expungement.

To date, over 1800 hours of legal work by students have been completed.

Sub-Committee Reports

- **USS Arlington**
 - On October 18th, Delegate Hope, Frank O’Leary and Kevin Reardon traveled to Norfolk to present Captain Marzano a joint resolution of the Virginia Commonwealth’s House of Delegates and Senate as well as resolution from Arlington County Board commending his leadership.
 - Ship is currently undergoing maintenance.
 - Model of USS Arlington at Courthouse Plaza...ongoing work with County project management and recent changes to display to include technology and model diorama. Hoping that approval will be soon so that March or April order date can be placed.
- **APS**
 - Marines from JBM-HH mentoring at Barcroft.
https://static.dvidshub.net/media/pubs/pdf_50286.pdf, page 6
 - Report cards are now sent electronically. Paper copies are only provided by request.
 - Parents/Guardians must present ID for pick up
 - A firm has been selected to help search for new superintendent.for 180 day extension for Spring 2020
 - High school notification for visiting school. A form must be filled out in advance and must have staff member approval. One-time form must be filled out.
 - Emergency Manager has been hired...working on visitor management system. Also vetting chaperone lists
 - Joe / Eric / Dulce need to talk about the percentage of children from veteran homes.
- **Programs and Events**
 - 100th Anniversary of Arlington is July 1st.
 - Calendar – would like to develop a calendar of events to include county resolution of Joint Base (OCT), Month of Military (NOV), ROTC events, Month of Military Child (APRIL)

Organizational Updates

- **JBMHH**
 - MOA not a dead beat.
 - No liaison at end of October
 - Force Protection Issue – Gate 1 usually closed. Big buses park right by the HQ area. Should have parking restriction.
 - Ollie – autonomous vehicle is currently at anoter installation in Colorado. Many obstacles were found in Phase II which was base to the Pentagon.

Old Business

- **Community Outreach (BID)**
 - currently waiting on Columbia Revitalization
 - Andy Penn to reach out for January luncheon
 - Communication Crisis Sharing

New Business

- **Veteran Survey**
 - how to get the word out. Currently NOT on county website.
- **Senators Warner and Kaine**
 - announced over \$800K in federal funding between HUD and US Dept of Veterans Affairs to help homeless veterans find affordable and stable housing.
<https://www.kaine.senate.gov/press-releases/warner-and-kaine-announce-more-than-800000-in-federal-funding-to-help-reduce-veteran-homelessness-in-virginia->
 - Discussing Agent Orange – for illnesses related to toxin.
<https://www.kaine.senate.gov/press-releases/warner-and-kaine-praise-passage-of-government-funding-bills>
 - **Arlington National Cemetery**
Limiting o Purple Heart recipients and higher as room is running out.
- **Jim Schwartz**
 - County unveiling plaque commemorating each war to be presented on Veteran's Day
- **Christy Kenady – Serving Together**
 - Serving veterans and service members and families in Washington DC area using technology and community wide data.
 - Training Event in January for minority, LGBTQ and women
 - June event is Veterans Experience Action Center
 - Loudoun County Community Veterans Engagement Board –
www.LCCVEB.com
 - CVEBs on the VA's website here:
<https://www.va.gov/ve/engagement/state.asp>
 - New director: <https://servingtogetherproject.org/everymind-welcomes-new-director-for-servingtogether/>