

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee  
Wednesday, June 12, 2019  
Bozman Government Center Room 302

**Attendees:**

Joe Simonelli, Chair

Jim Schwartz, Deputy County Manager

Lt. Colonel Mark Paolicelli, JBM-HH

Dan Donahue, Finance Officer, American Legion Post 139

Frank O'Leary, USS Arlington Community Alliance

Andy Penn, Deputy Chief, ACPD

Dulce Carrillo, Coordinator of Community Engagement, APS

Kevin Reardon, USS Arlington Community Alliance

J. Michael Griffin, Integrated Health & Wellness / APCYF

Eric Gordon, Chief Plans Analysis & Integration Office, JBM-HH

Jay E. Kalner, President, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 227

Chona Acker, ACPD

**1. Chair Remarks**

- Thank you to Brian Stout for all his dedication and hard work in helping MVAC, Arlington National Cemetery and veterans for the past 3 years. He has accepted a position with Amazon. His last day with the County will be Wednesday, June 13, 2019.
- Bill Kelly will represent VFW.
- Working to replace Brenna McVannay as vice chair
- Next scheduled meeting will be at VFW Post 3150 located at 2116 19<sup>th</sup> Street Arlington VA 22201 on August 14<sup>th</sup>
- New Proposed time to start meetings at 1730 hours
- Good to have all the various VSO at last meeting; need to get as many more VSO involved and continue collaboration with each group
- VDOT did not have formal dedication of the Veteran's Memorial Bridge. A video dedication was created and will be presented at the next County Board Recessed Meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup>
- Are there are existing or new legislation that should be discussed with County Manager's Office? (Tax reduction, legislative liaison, etc?)

## **2. Subcommittee Reports**

### **a. USS Arlington**

Currently scheduled to arrive in Naval Station Norfolk VA July 18<sup>th</sup>. Open house will be scheduled at a later date, yet to be determined. Hoping for Fall timeframe. This will be open to first responders, 9/11 family members and County officials.

Once all debarkation and ship operations have slowed, there will be discussions regarding activities. Should there be a proclamation which can be done annually? As in USS Arlington Day?

Former Captain Marzano has accepted a position with the future USS JFK aircraft carrier.

### **b. APS**

MOA/MOU met with 2 School Liaison Officers (SLO) to discuss what is needed for MOA/MOU. Eric Gordon currently going through document and to ensure that language is correct and written in formal Army format for MOAs. Ann Daffin is the primary POC/SLO. She is missing some specific information; will need to add an additional paragraph. Need head count. Joe Simonelli requesting ETA for return of document so that Dulce Carrillo can also look over document. Would like to accomplish before start of Fall 2019 school year.

Monetary benefits only for OCONUS bases.

Impact Funding for CONUS bases. Through Department of Defense Education Activity (DODEA) there are funds in addition to Impact Funds (if new program such as STEM are identified) and can be done annually. Up to \$2M- \$3M available.

<https://www.dodea.edu/Partnership/impact.cfm>

Impact aide – aware but no request has been made as grants are labor intensive and at this time, unfortunately, there is no one that can handle this work load. Or perhaps qualified to research and write grants. Per Lt. Colonel Paolicelli, JBM-HH has two SLOs who can assist to writing grants.

Stratford Program (for highest of special needs) is moving to Rosslyn and renamed to Eunice Kennedy Shriver Program. <https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Stratford-Naming-Committee-Notes-May-7-2019-1.pdf>

Arlington Career Center is expanding. Looking for anyone who would like to be a part of the committee. Deadline for applications is June 24, 2019. <https://careercenter.apsva.us/>

**c. Program/Events**

Request that any event will have enough time to plan

BIDS (Joe Simonelli and DC Penn) will meet with Ballston on July 18<sup>th</sup>

**3. Organization Updates**

**a. JBMHH**

VDOT signs...about half will not be replaced as better directional signs will be erected, specifically to use Main Gate.

June 19<sup>th</sup> Ribbon Cutting at 1300hours. Two Driverless Shuttle buses pilot program. This will be a limited passenger for the first 45 days. There will always be a steward on board for safety. Pre-determined stops on base to pick up and drop off passengers. Capacity of 8 passengers total.

Three phases lasting about 90 days each. But not necessarily in succession. May have time lapse in between to analyze data.

Phase I – around the base with pre-determined locations

Phase II – JMBHH to PNT

Phase III – back/right gates on base to Metro

Legislative laws have not caught up regarding autonomous driving. DC Penn will be attending a meeting

Twilight Tattoo runs May 1<sup>st</sup> – July 31<sup>st</sup>. On July 17<sup>th</sup> will have special event and will be by invite only. 1700hours for reception. 1830 hours for preshow followed by performance.

Discussing parking and access <https://twilight.mdw.army.mil/>

Army celebrating 244th Birthday on Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

**b. Letter received – Frank O’ Leary**

Received a letter from a teacher regarding former owners of his home. Would like to know if someone can assist in locating more information regarding Lt. Hartung, circa 1945. Known information is that a plane crashed carrying this officer. Any assistance in obtaining information would be appreciated.

**c. Plaque**

WWI plaque is in Pittsburg for correct name on the flag from Lowe to Rowe who was a part of the Colored Regiment. He is currently buried in Lomax Cemetery and died in 1919. A plaque will be made to add five additional names. Also, there will be a write up regarding these recently found five soldiers on the memorial.