

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee
Wednesday, August 14, 2019
Bozman Government Center Room 302

Attendees:

Joe Simonelli, Chair

Dan Donahue, Finance Officer, American Legion Post 139

Andy Penn, Deputy Chief, ACPD

Lt. Colonel Mark Paolicelli, JBM-HH

Bill Kelly, VFW

Chona Acker, ACPD

Sub-Committee Reports

USS Arlington – ship returned 22July. 21 first responders participated in overnight travel as they returned to Norfolk. Upcoming events:

- 9/11 Race – crew will participate in Arlington Police, Fire & Sheriff Memorial Race
- Race day luncheon with crew who will be participating. Details to follow

APS

- APS is excited to share that Niche named Arlington Public Schools as [the top ranked school district](#) in Virginia this week. The 2020 Best School Districts ranking is based on rigorous analysis of key statistics and millions of reviews from students and parents using data from the U.S. Department of Education.
- Search for New [APS Superintendent](#). The School Board is conducting a nationwide search for a new superintendent to replace Dr. Patrick K. Murphy, who will retire from APS on September 1, 2019. The goal is to find a highly-qualified leader who will sustain our positive culture of learning and promote excellence and equity for all students. The [Search for New APS Superintendent page](#) provides a timeline, updates, resources, and ways to engage.

Programs and Events

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Organizational Updates

a. JBMHH

- MOA – hope to be completed by November
- JBM-HH inviting APS to tour the base regarding transportation:
 - Trying to consolidate three bus stops

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- Day care which is near the commissary
 - 2 residential areas – Patton Hall & gym
 - Timing is an issue. Perhaps APS can send list of all drivers who can go through the base and being vetted all at once rather than having bus stand at search lane
 - Too tight for turn – DOD law
 - Maybe use Henderson Hall gate or back gate to ease getting in/out of base
 - Reducing number of buses
- Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) Scheduled for October 4th at the Community Center

New Business

VFW – Bill Kelly will be new point of contact. They are trying to find ways to engaged more with younger veterans using various social events and media to reach out. Teaming with Wounded Warriors for softball game. Using list serves like Next Door to have a bigger reach. Their membership is at 595 with 300 OIF (Operation Iraqi Freedom) veterans...many being some of the youngest veterans. Organization is working with several other entities who would like to partner and provide services such as free mental services.

3BIDS

- DC Penn and Joe Simonelli met with all two of the three BIDs and reception was supportive. Will get in touch with Clarendon Alliance and Columbia Pike Revitalization
- Discussed being major component in helping to celebrate Arlington in November.
- Will meet with Elizabeth Crocker on August 23rd

Note: American Legion will be closing December 31,2019 for two years. During this time, they will use the VFW location to hold meetings and events.

September Meeting Location: September 11th - AUSA 2425 Wilson Blvd Arlington VA 22201