

Military and Veteran Affairs Committee
Wednesday, May 8, 2019
American Legion Post 139
3445 Washington Blvd Arlington VA 22201

Attendees:

Joe Simonelli, Chair

Jim Schwartz, Deputy County Manager

Lt Colonel Mark Paolicelli, JBM-HH

Dan Donahue, Finance Officer, American Legion Post 139

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

Richard Lane, Legal Services of Northern Virginia

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

Timothy MacArthur, M-VETS (Mason Veterans)

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

Rich Brune, FRA Branch 181

Pete Davis, Blinded Veterans Association

Chona Acker, ACPD

1. Chair Remarks

2. Sub-Committee Reports

a. USS Arlington - - what does your organization need that county can provide

b. APS

c. Programs and Events

- Brenna McVaney cannot participate with MVAC due to legal conflict. Looking for new vice chair
- Special Events – November – Month of Military / Retired Appreciation Day (RAD)
Washington-Lee Community for both civilian and military.
Will have sponsored health care onsite

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3. Organizational Updates

JBM-HH

<https://twitter.com/jbmhh?lang=en>

<https://www.facebook.com/jbmhh/>

- Twilight Tattoo – Wednesday nights starting May 29th through July 17th
Arlington Spirit – June 22nd.
- VDOT to change signs starting May 15th
- October 1st marks 10th year anniversary with a ceremony
- Hiring Event –
 - May 9th DHS – HR – 1000 – 1530 hours at Community Center
 - May 23rd – Hire Vets 1130 – 1330
- Building up for Activity Day – scheduled for October 4th

APS

- Meeting with School Liaison Officer (SLO). Developed MOA based on boundary changes to include protecting boundaries
- SLO for JBM-HH is Ann Daffin
- Agreement with Military Family/Schools (last time done in 2002 with Dr. Robert Smith)
- Funding source that exist
 - DODEA
 - Grants will be available to those who apply that have specific target area
 - APS at this time has not applied
 - Lisa Stengle, Supervisor – requested parallel meeting with Ann Daffin for collaboration effort between APS & JBMHH
 - DOD
 - schools in all 50 states
 - proactive role – inform of any changes to base
 - no adverse effect

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4. VSO Roundtable

American Legion

current location will be torn down in 2020. Affordable housing for veterans will be created

- will meet at VFW until new building is complete
- main purpose to lobby – needs of veterans are met (finance)
- at the local level, they are out of touch as they do not cover all the period that are listed who are quality veterans
- declining membership – what do young veterans want and need

Legal Clinic GMU (Tim MacArthur)

https://www.law.gmu.edu/library/guides/legal_assistance

- VA disabilities, appeals, claim, civil component, discharge, free service is for current military and veterans
- does not handle court marshals

Blinded Veterans Association (Pete Davis)

<http://www.bva.org/>

- support for vision loss from VA
- legally blind
- less than 10,000 members. In Arlington, there are 25 members
- nationally chartered
- must be combat/duy loss or age related loss

Legal Services of Northern Virginia (Richard Lane)

<http://www.lsnv.org/>

- servicing Leesburg – Frederick

Annual Pro Bono Reception – June 6th – to thank all volunteers

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- correction of discharge
- works with at risk/low income
- works on civil law

Fleet Reserve Association (Rich Brune)

<https://www.fra.org/fra/web/>

- benefits – Navy and those affected by Agent H20/Blue water
- membership in Alexandria/Arlington – 308
- FOP located at Cameron Street

Vietnam Veterans of America (Jay Kalner)

<http://vva227.org/>

- 22nd largest chapter – Congress chartered
- average age of members is 72 years old
- what is the direction of the organization?
- to join, not necessarily services in war. Must provide DD214
- membership is \$50
- available PTSD groups
- court docket program/ scholarship program / lots of funds available to needy vets
- outreach to schools by providing speakers
- honor flights
- monthly meetings with featured speakers
- Washing the Wall memorial in Washington DC