Minutes
Mayor’s Veterans Advisory Council Meeting
September 4, 2014 - 1:30 pm

I. INVOCATION
Richard Ortega

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Richard Ortega

III. CALL TO ORDER – 1:35 pm
Michael T. Waldrop

IV. ATTENDANCE: Michael Waldrop, Chair, Andrew Ewasko, Council Vice Chair, Vinnie Monitto, Council Treasurer, Clare Hasler, Council Secretary, Ellouise Hall, Council Curator/Historian, Al Schroeder, Cathy Haynes, Everett L. McKeown, Fred Robinson, Heather Frebe, Jim R. Hawn, Mike Gentz, Oliver Kennedy, Patrick Connors, Tom Wells, Tony Clark, CH., Vickie DiGiovanni, and William Vose

ABSENT: George Jordan, Barry Stanley, Glen Jackson, Dennis E. Latta, Jim Nickles, Sean Gibbs SEC, Tom Cove

HONORED GUESTS: Congressman Daniel Webster; George Wanberg/Veteran’s Program Coordinator – Cornerstone Hospice, Cindy Brown,

OTHERS: Cate Montuoro, HOT Program Manager; Wendy Walsh VITAS; Christopher West; Ravel Tirado, Nichole Rossman; Barry Parker R/CDR USN; Chrissy Lyons

V. ONGOING BUSINESS

A. Approval of Council Meeting attached Minutes August 7, 2014 – Motion (Oliver Kennedy) / Second (Vicki DiGiovanni) / Approved.

B. Treasurer’s Report – Motion (Vicki DiGiovanni) / Second (Al Schroeder) / Approved

C. POW-MIA Day – to be held in the City Hall Rotunda, City of Orlando, 26 September 2014 – 10:00 am – Robert A. Apodaca’s father will be recognized - a flyer was attached for review. Lake Howell Preparatory School President will be our guest speaker. He is bringing a boys choir for a special performance. Arrangements have been made for the empty chair
reenactment; the Orlando Concert Bank; DAR All American Singers and Proud Veterans Choir for the Lake Nona Domiciliary will also be singing the opening and closing music and many more arrangements have been made. Arrive NLT 9:30 am.

D. Veterans Court - Three representatives from local area Veterans Court gave a Veterans Court report: Vinnie Monitto/Orlando; Everett McKeown/Orange County; and Steven S/Seminole County. Each gave an update of ongoing events in their respective Veterans Courts.

E. USO Updates, Vinnie Monitto introduced Roland Emerton hired Executive Director of USO Central Florida. The final location decision has been made and a business plan is being submitted to GOAA Central Florida. The tentative opening date has been delayed until 2015.

F. National Vietnam Museum Update – Larry Smedley was given by Al Schroeder: No new information, reported in August a donation was given by the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority.

G. U.S. Office of Personnel Director, Katherine Archuleta - Karen Connors/Annie gave their report.


I. Military Order of the Purple Heart – October 15, 2014 – Location: Elks Lodge, on Primrose.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Chairman’s Report Michael T. Waldrop

- Hope and Glory – A Community prayer service in remembrance of those who died on September 11, 2001, Rev. Dean Clark – This will be conducted on Sunday, September 14, 2014 at 4:00 pm in the Cathedral, 130 North Magnolia Avenue, Orlando, FL – was attached.

- Veterans of Influence, Orlando Business Journal, Thursday, September 25, 2014 at 11:00 – Hilton, Orlando – was attached

- The United States Navy’s Service, Valor, Sacrifice – 239th Birthday Ball Celebration, Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 6:30 pm

- Veterans Day Parade – Saturday, November 8, 2014 at 11:00 am - Signups/Orange County – Floats and Grand Marshall: Gold Star Mother’s
V. NEW BUSINESS

- New Council Member - Cathy Haynes was welcomed to the Board

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting – October 2, 2014 – 1:30 pm

VIII. ADJOURN – 2:30 pm