



AGENDA FOR MAYOR'S ARMED FORCES COMMISSION

LOCATION: 326 PUJO STREET, CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 1ST FLOOR

LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

April 8, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPENING PRAYER/MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

READING/APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF MEETING MARCH 11, 2019

TREASURER'S REPORT

GUEST SPEAKERS:

OLD BUSINESS:

ORLECK – RON WILLIAMS

COMMITTEE REPORTS: (PLEASE HOLD REPORTS TO 3 MINUTES OR LESS IF POSSIBLE)

SCHOOLS: JOHN STILLS

FUND RAISING: ED HUDSON

QUEENS: KATIE LOVETT

MEMBERSHIP: HERBERT JONES

NATIONAL VIETNAM WAR VETERANS DAY: ALFRED COCHRAN

FORT POLK: CHARLES DALGLEISH

MEMORIAL PARK: JAMES STEWARD

NEW BUSINESS:

ORGANIZATION REPORTS

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURN

**NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 13, 2019
IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO WOULD WISH TO JOIN US
PLEASE INVITE THEM TO ATTEND THE MEETINGS.**

YOUR PRESENCE IS APPRECIATED

MEMO TO: MAYOR'S ARMED FORCES COMMISSION

Subject: Report Minutes of Meeting

Presiding: Charles Dalgleish, President

Date: March 11, 2019

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT: USCG Rep, Donald Ballance, Paul Bauer, Al Cochran, Charles Dalgleish, Dan Didelot, James Dodd, Mary Kay Dyer, Marialisa Wyatt, John Halloran, Edward Hudson, James Jackson, Bobby Manuel, Kelly Miseles, Richard Morgan, Julie Pippin, Joe Rabalais, John Stills, Rhonda Sullivan, and Ron Williams.

GUESTS: Martina Thibodeaux; Robert Eddy.

MINUTES: Motion to dispense the minutes as read was made by Al Cochran and seconded by Donald Ballance. Approved the dispensing the minutes as read of the Minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Balance is \$4063.00. There was concern regarding the Community Foundation. After a discussion, it was decided to have a representative attend our next meeting so we can get some answers regarding loss of funds, etc. Motion was made to dispense the treasurer's report as stated by Ed Hudson and seconded by Mary Kay Dyer. Approved for dispensing of the Treasurer's report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Memorial Park - Marialisa Wyatt. - Bricks. After a discussion, it was decided that we need an updated list of bricks (\$150 vs. \$50 bricks) and have a person from the LCCC come to our meeting next month to get it straightened out.

- Ownership of the helicopter. Paperwork has to be found to transfer ownership to the City. There are also some maintenance issues that need to be figured out. There is a hole in the helicopter that she had hoped would be fixed before the VNV ceremony 3/30.
- Plaques are being requested for the tank, Helicopter and gun. Charles Dalgleish suggested to Marialisa Wyatt that the Park Commission put a plan/sketch of the plaque be made and presented for approval.
- The kiosk is not working. No additional information is available right now.

Lake Charles Clinic – Rebecca Patterson - not available

USS Orleck- Ron Williams – Special Forces from Fort Polk are at the ship today doing some training.

- Survey of the hull was done to get an estimate for dry dock costs. This will determine of what to do with the ship. We are trying to save the ship.
- They have had lots of visitors this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Veterans' Day – no report

Schools – John Stills- requested vets go to the schools and talk to students. Call the school office and get permission. If you know of any schools that need flags, let John know. He doesn't believe that schools have an account to pay for flags.

Queens – Katie Lovett (and queens)- no report

Vietnam Vets Honor Day – Alfred Cochran – posters were handed out to be placed to advertise the up-coming even, Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. March 30 at 10 AM at the Veterans' Park (in the Mezzanine with increment weather.) Please pass the word.

Vietnam (era) veterans will receive pins. (DOD says anyone serving from 1955-1975 is entitled to one of these pins.) WE have many sponsors this year. Please come out and support this event.

Patriots Ball – Ed Hudson – no report

Fund Raising – . Ed Hudson no report

Membership – Herbert Jones no report

Fort Polk –Charles Dalglish March 20, the 115th Field Hosp is being redesignated. There will be a ceremony. All MAFC members are invited. RSVP at Fort Polk.

NEW BUSINESS: -

There is a need for coffee donations at the clinic. James Jackson asked that organizations donate. There was a question of accountability of the coffee and supplies. Otis Mearidy is in unofficially charge of coffee. It was suggested that someone help him. James Jackson made a motion that the MAFC donate \$100, seconded by Ed Hudson. It was decided to wait until Otis can give us a report.

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS:

Coast Guard is having a Change of Command ceremony July 10th.

Richard Morgan – March 4 was the instillation of a VVA in Deridder. The Moving Wall will be in Deridder November 8 or 9th. It will be there for a week.

- April 6 there is a Bike Run to benefit the Ancillary Committee. They are raffling of a 65b inch TV. Mary Kay and Richard have tickets.
- Thurs is Bingo at 9:30.
- Vet Court still needs mentors. The court is on Thru at 1 PM in Court room I. The veterans have a 2 year probation, then the charge is expunged from their record.
- Mary Kay Dyer – DAV – next meeting will be April 4.

James Jackson – American Legion meeting is Wed. at 7.

Joe Rabalais – He and his wife are celebrating their 59th anniversary. CONGRATUALIONS TO THEM!!

Ron Williams – Handed out a Patriot of the Year list. Please submit your nominations by next meeting. A form will be attached to the minutes. Please bring it back next meeting.

Rhonda Sullivan – I got official notice that our DAV is getting the new van!! I will be flying to Cincinnati this summer and driving it back. Thank you to all that have helped.

Ed Hudson – If anyone wants to sponsor a boy (or girl) for Boys/Girls State, let him know. The price is \$450 per child. The child has to be a junior or senior in high school.

With no further business to be discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by Donald Balance seconded by Joe Rabalais. Approved. Next meeting will be April 8, 2019 at the City Council Chamber. Adjourned.