



## Middle Township Veteran's Advisory Board Agenda

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MEETING DATE/TIME: July 22, 2015 7:00pm Sharp  
LOCATION: Township Hall 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

*Maureen Harden-Lozier, Francey Burke, Ed Dillio, Joe Griffies, Burgess "Butch" Hamer, Allyn Penkethman, Fred Trasatti, Jr., Bill Hawk, Howard Trout, and Krystal Arana.*

FLAG SALUTE

WELCOME – CHAIRPERSON – expectations of meeting agendas and format

INTRODUCTIONS – Members to our Guest Speaker: *Rita Fulginiti*

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION – concurrent with other Agenda items

*Contact information was updated.*

GUEST SPEAKER – Ms. Rita Fulginiti – Cape May County Clerk  
- Questions and Answers

*Rita Fulginiti:*

- *Congratulated the committee members on the establishment of the Veterans Advisory Board.*
- *Distributed a brochure that is revised twice a year containing businesses registered in Cape May County that offer special discounts to veterans.*
- *Provided an understanding as to how the Cape May County Clerk's office works together with local businesses and service providers to offer discounts.*
- *Stated that the Cape May County Clerk's office is also working on reinforcing their relationship with local businesses and service providers regarding the discount program available.*

- *Discussed the process of obtaining a Veteran's ID card by providing his/her original DD-214 form, United States Military Honorable Discharge or U.S. Military Service Papers. As well providing proof of identity and residency in Cape May County. Acceptable documents are a New Jersey Driver's License, a New Jersey Non-Drive Identification Card, or Cape May County Voter Registration Card, showing a Cape May County address.*
- *Mentioned the thought of getting the board involved with strengthening the program for issuing Vendor Licenses which enables honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, marines, nurses, army field clerks and exempt firemen the right to hawk, peddle, and vend merchandise within the State of New Jersey which is becoming more restrictive.*
- *Conversed on the new workings of Driver's licenses containing an insignia identifying veterans.*

*Fred Trasatti, Jr.:*

- *Questioned North Wildwood's handicapped accessible parking regarding fines given to those with handicapped plates and placards for expired meters.*

*Rita Fulginiti:*

- *Did not have an immediate answer to Fred's question at the meeting. But, later researched the topic and sent an email, which was forwarded to each of the board members by Maureen, stating that the law provides that those with handicapped plates or placards may stay at the meter for up to 24 hours but they must pay.*

*Allyn Penkethman:*

- *Discussed the stereotypes still applied to women veterans by enlightening the board members with a personal experience that had occurred to her recently concerning beach tags while attending the beach in Sea Isle City.*

*Fred Trasatti, Jr.:*

- *Mentioned that a new card is in the works to replace the DD-214 form.*

*Maureen Harden-Lozier:*

- *Would like to attend the National Night Out event being held on Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6pm to 9pm to distribute information on how to register for a Veteran's Photo ID Card.*
- *Would also like to attend the Harvest Fest held in October for the same objective as National Night Out.*

*Bill Hawk:*

- *Asked Rita if there were more senior veterans registered with her office compared to younger veterans.*

*Rita Fulginiti:*

- *Confirmed that the majority of veterans registered are seniors compared to younger veterans.*

*Joe Griffies:*

- *Suggested establishing clinics during the summer months due to the swelling population of veterans in the area.*

*Burgess "Butch" Hamer:*

- *Suggested advertising in Churches.*
- *States that there are many veterans who attend church who wouldn't usually attend events such as National Night Out and the Harvest Fest.*

*Fred Trasatti, Jr.:*

- *Added to Butch's suggestion that advertising should also be done at Assisted Living centers such as Brookdale and Nursing Homes.*

*Burgess "Butch" Hamer:*

- *Recommended the board observe other Veteran Advisory Board's from neighboring municipalities and learn what kind of projects they are focusing on.*
- *Requested paying more attention to the younger veterans who are not making use of the help and assistance available to them.*

*Bill Hawk:*

- *Deems it necessary to reach out to the younger veterans by contacting colleges such as Stockton, Rutgers, and Atlantic Cape Community College and determining what kind of techniques and programs are utilized in getting them involved in registering and taking advantage of the benefits offered to their generation of veterans.*
- *Suggested welcoming guest speakers from colleges with successful veteran assistance programs.*

*Maureen Harden-Lozier:*

- *Would like to invite the County's VA benefits representative from Social Services to be a guest speaker at one of our future meetings.*
- *Would also like to invite Butch's request Bo Wiseman. Bo Wiseman gathers information for online newspaper articles.*

Francey Burke:

- Announced that the Burke Motor Group Inaugural Car and Cycle Show that took place on July 11, 2015 hosted 200 cars and cycles.
- The event attracted approximately 1,000 guests and raised over \$5,000 for the DAV Chapter 44.

#### DISCUSS AND ESTABLISH BOARD OBJECTIVES

Update on American Legion Post #198

*Ed Dillio:*

- *The American Legion Post #198 project is being postponed until December.*
- *The Mayor is currently working on another project which requires his immediate attention at the moment.*

NEW BUSINESS: Establish FIRST Veteran's Advisory Board project

*Gather information utilized in the veteran registration process for distribution at National Night Out and any other additional material used for obtaining special veteran discounts.*

- Other New Business

*Next meeting to be held on August 26, 2015 at 7:00pm Township Hall, second floor Conference Room.*

QUESTIONS: N/A

ADJOURN: 8:27pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Krystel Arana

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman