



Middle Township Veterans Advisory Board Agenda

Township Hall
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MEETING DATE/TIME: March 28, 2017, 7:00pm Sharp

LOCATION: Township Hall 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER – Welcome

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Maureen Harden-Lozier, Ed Dillio, Fred Trasatti, Allyn Penkethman, Stew Merrick, and Howard Trout.

FLAG SALUTE

UPDATE CONTACT INFORMATION – Concurrent with other Agenda items

GUEST SPEAKER – None

OLD BUSINESS

Follow-Up – Questions and Comments Regarding February’s Meeting – None

Date for Veterans Forum – Postponed – Conflict with Schedule – Congressman LoBiondo’s VA Event

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Congressman LoBiondo and office holding Claims Clinic event at Atlantic Cape Community; sponsored by Veteran Auxiliaries.*
- *1:00pm on April 29, 2017 at Atlantic Cape Community College in Cape May Court House.*
- *Date for Middle Township’s Veterans Forum has to be rescheduled due to conflict with Congressman LoBiondo’s Office and VA event.*
- *Would like to establish a committee to schedule working meetings and new date.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Dates available at Middle Township’s Performing Arts Center; Saturday, May 6th or Saturday, May 27th.*

Ed Dillio:

- *May 6th is too close to the Claims Clinic at Atlantic Cape Community College being held on April 29th.*

- *May 27th is Memorial Day weekend; there is already so much going on and lots of traffic.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *The PAC is busy with Summer Programs after those dates.*
- *Perhaps a different venue can be found.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Asked if the board should try to plan around Veterans Day 2017.*
- *Will give the board plenty of time to plan and Veterans are in the forefront at that time.*

Everyone agrees that we should plan the event for the Fall of 2017.

Establish Agenda for Veterans Forum – Working Document

Follow-Up – Invitations for Guest Speakers – None

Agent Orange Protest Rally

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *11:00am on Saturday, March 25th at the Wildwood Vietnam Memorial.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Elaborated on details of the event and the purpose of the rally.*

Genesis Court House Center – Mobile Veterans Outreach Van – March 30th, 2017 – 10:00am-2:00pm

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Cannot be present.*

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Will be attending.*

Ed Dillio:

- *Will also be attending.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Will try to be there; depends on work and having to drive the van that day.*

Stew Merrick and Howard Trout:

- *Unable to attend due to work schedules.*

Veterans Court – Update

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *will locate handout and forward via email.*

Boots to Business – American Legion Post 198 – Tuesday, April 4, 2017 – 8:00am–5:00pm

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Twelve registered to date.*

Homelessness Stand Down – May 17, 2017 – Atlantic City – All Wars Memorial – 10:00am–3:00pm

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Would like to be contacted if anyone knows of any veterans who should be present in order to obtain assistance.*
- *Asked if anyone would be able to attend to assist.*
- *Accepting clothing donations; gently used clothing or shoes.*

Wilmington VA Express – Atlantic County and Cumberland County – Transportation System

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Distributed handout on a new transportation system from Atlantic County CBOC.*
- *Asked Fred if he had any news on topic.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Knows that it is the same type of van transportation service he delivers and requires the veteran to spend all day.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Under the impression it was like an “Uber” type service to take individual veterans to their individual appointments.*

Fred Trasatti:

- *Has been listed as a point of contact and has not been told anything about this specific program.*
- *It is for Atlantic County and Cumberland County, not Cape May.*

Suggestions to Improve Veteran Registration – Updates

Stew Merrick:

- *Still believes a Facebook page would be the best way to reach younger veterans.*

Vets Returning from Deployment – Allyn – Update

Allyn Penkethman:

- *Spoke of a Middle Township resident who is beginning the process of enlistment; completed Boot Camp.*

Mobile Veterans Outreach Van – Future Dates

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Bill Hawk absent but he will keep us posted via email.*

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Dillio:

- *Working on getting the Flagpole at the American Legion Post repainted and re-rigged with new hardware and line.*
- *Tim Donohue challenged the community.*

Maureen Harden-Lozier:

- *Several community members responded.*
- *Tim Donohue will coordinate*

Any Other New Business – None

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

QUESTIONS: N/A

ADJOURN 8:00pm

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Maureen Harden-Lozier

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman