



Middle Township Veterans Advisory Board Minutes

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MEETING DATE/TIME: February 27, 2019 - 7:00 pm Sharp

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER: Welcome

ATTENDANCE and CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE: Allen Rodesky, Allyn Penkethman, Fred Trasatti, Dennis Flynn, Maureen Harden-Lozier, Howard Trout, Nancy McDevitt

FLAG SALUTE GUEST SPEAKER- Jacqueline Hinker, Veteran Community Outreach Specialist, VA.

- March 15th flyer is out. She provided handouts for Fact Sheet 20-02 Emergency Medical Care, VA Appeals Modernization, VA Video Connect.
- Cape May's VA in Rio Grande is moving along. It appears as though they are modeling after the Vineland VA. She offered a tour for the Board members.
- They are looking for Veteran's input for new clinics.
- They will be having some events coming up. She will put the information out as she gets it.
- They need to get the VA benefits information disseminated. Services go where the #'s are. Went into great detail explaining the differences between the VBA and the VHA. *See VA Organizational Chart Handout*

WELCOME- Dennis Flynn

DISCUSS BOARD OBJECTIVES – Make any suggestions for changes for 2019 objectives and goals.

Objective – To reach veterans in Middle Township in order to have a full accounting and to share entitled services and benefits.

- Goals**
- Hold Veterans Forum disseminating information and registering veterans.
 - Continued exposure of board in the public arena. *This will be modified on the next agenda*

OLD BUSINESS --

- Follow-up – questions comments from last meeting- None
- Membership
 - o No new applications received- Dennis Flynn- Will request the governing body to vote him in as regular member to the board.
 - o Advertise vacancies to publicize vacancies – update from Nancy- The Herald will not run a free ad. Discussions on having someone sponsor/donate money that the board would use for advertising. Nancy will ask administration if this is allowed.
- Veterans Forum – 2 Events April and September
 - Nancy secured RGFD for April 13th * Maureen is working on the lineup and will put a flyer together * Discussion on mailing all Middle Twp. Veteran's. No one in Twp. Admin would compile that type of list * Discussion on who to invite * Maureen and Allyn will reach out to invite vendors * Fred and Allen will circulate flyers * Nancy will ask RGFD to open the kitchen*
 - o Update regarding Property Tax Exemption process- Nancy placed information on our page. Discharge must be from War time and not the reserves, unless it was presidentially ordered. You will need to bring with you the NJ State letter and a valid DL. See Liz or Lee Ann in the Tax Assessors Office.
 - o Vets returning from Deployments – Allyn – update- None

NEW BUSINESS –

- Mobile Outreach- This is no longer available. The goal is to send people to CBOC.
- VA Clinic- Update was given by Jacqueline at the beginning of the meeting.

REMINDERS:

*** Information given at meeting ***

- Resources – Events – Pancake Dinner March 5 – 5:30-7:30pm
- Resources – Informational
 - Open House- South Jersey Vet Center Egg Harbor – Tue March 5 2019
 - Veteran’s Legal Clinic – Vineland VA Clinic- Tue March 5, 2019
 - Veterans Caino Career Fair- Thurs April 25, 2019- CCC
 - Medivac- Thurs March 28, 2019
 - AC Regional Stand Down- Wed May 22, 2019
 - Rally Point/ VA Help Kit
 - Computer Skills Training – Atlantic Cape Community College – Jan 26 and Feb 23
- Any other new business - None
- Next meeting date – March 27, 2019

QUESTIONS ADJOURN 2115 hours

ROLES/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Minutes – Nancy McDevitt

Time Keeper – Allyn Penkethman