

MVAC MEETING NOTES – MARCH 2018

COURTHOUSE PLAZA | SUITE 311

ASPAN

We were very pleased to welcome Mr. Leonard Chari representing the County Homeless Services Center at last month's meeting. Leonard shared a lot of information about the homeless across the County and the operation of the Center. Along with several National, State and Local programs the Center is a strong advocate for our veterans and especially for those with difficulties. We look forward to having him as a full time member of the team.

For more information or questions ASPAN email Mr. Chari at lchari@arlingtonva.us

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS (TAPS)

After some discussion those present recommended that we find a way to reach out to this group. Glen Yarborough indicated that he has a relationship and would be willing to engage. Follow up next month.

INSTITUTE FOR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES (IVMF)

Khristy Kenady (one of our members) is connected to this group. We will ask her to be our POC and seek out additional information to determine exactly how the County should participate.

USS ARLINGTON

Between Frank O'Leary and Jim Pebley (former member of the MVAC) we have finally made solid contact with the ship. The captain of the ship is CAPT Todd Marzano. Both Jim and Frank will remain as our points of contact (POCs) to maintain contact with the ship and crew. Additionally, there is plan working to try and have a model of the ship presented to the County for display along with possible 911 and Pentagon artifacts. More to follow next month.

WWI TASK FORCE (TF)

The TF will be hosting an event on 7 June at 1730 in the Navy League building (ground floor) right across the street from the County offices. It will be a no cost event but donations will be accepted. All members of the MVAC are invited to attend.

SEPTEMBER: VA SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

The recommendation is to have the MVAC and County participate in conjunction with the WWI TF as they support the County Fair 15-19 August at Thomas Jefferson School just off route 50. Additionally, May will be Mental Health month and there may be activities we can/should support.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

April 6, 2018: Joint Base Myer/Henderson Hall Change of Command

New commander is Col Kimberly Peoples. We will program a visit for June/July.

March 29th: National Vietnam Veterans Day

There will be an event at 1430 at the Wall in Washington, DC. Host will be the DepSecDef and his counterpart from the DoVA. Event will be short with a wreath laying, taps and a short address by the Secretary. Any/all veterans and other interested in attending are welcome—event is open to the public.

Next meeting Wednesday April 4, 2018 8:00AM

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