

Agenda MVAC – Thursday September 21, 2017

New

ASPAN

- Visitors/Guests. Welcome to Ms. Kathy Seibert, CEO ASPAN. This organization has an interest in assisting homeless veterans. She is here today to share information on her company and possible advantages of working with Arlington County.

Old Business

MVAC Plan

- Comments. Nothing new to add this month
- Additions/Deletions?

Upcoming Events

USS Arlington

- Confirmed that the USS Arlington is in port at Norfolk, VA.
- Anything else we should be doing/working on for the ship and crew?
- Have we made contact with the ship?
- How should we connect?

Meet with
FMMC/Henderson
Hall

- We should continue to stay connected. While their interest in a new agreement is limited, there is great value in us participating in events. Is there anything in the near term that should cause us concern?
- Materials: Any movement on providing our materials to the local Garrisons? Links /posting of our materials on Web Site for their use?

2017 Veterans Day Activities

- Currently VFW 3150 and AL 85 will lead the effort with possible support from AL 139. How should we participate?
- Do we have a role?
- Does the County and our VSO reps have a listing of the events within the County they might want to support/participate with? Can the MVAC assist in gaining a better awareness of what is actually happening around the County?

2018 Memorial Day

- MVAC will be working with the county to develop a plan to highlight this day

Veteran ID Card

- Anything else we ought to do about sharing information on the VA Veterans ID card?

Social Media: Website and Facebook

- Any change to the past status? Any input and/or concerns?
- Where are we on establishing our link to Chamber of Commerce?
- Any status on MVAC email account?
- Status on press release/info sheet?
- Events Calendar. Any input?

VSO Mailing List

VSO in Arlington

- A local list has been provided to Mike Rau. We are trying to update it and make it as functional as possible. Still need a little time to make some adjustments. Do we have a status on the list?

Active VSOs in Arlington

- AL 139, AL 194, AL 85 and VFW 3150.
- Do we have a more complete listing of VSOs within the County?

WWI Recognition

- Memorial Day 2018 marks the 100th anniversary of WWI. We have expressed interest in planting poppies at designated areas in the County. How can we assist?

New Business

Veterans Day 2018

- We would like to match the event with the National Observance at Arlington Cemetery and possibly move the timing to 1100. There will be an expected open house and focus on WWI.
- Discussion on the topic included possible local restaurants participating with reduced prices for veterans as well as County offering free parking to encourage Veteran business in the County.
- Any other ideas/thoughts?

Miscellaneous

- County input?
- Request to move meetings to the third Thursday of the month. Any input?



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Next meeting 0800 Thursday October 26, 2017