

WAREHAM VETERANS COUNCIL

January 18, 2018

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Call to order: 7:00

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: B White, J Bruce, J Sarnelli, J Cappello, J Roderick, P Geigle, J Fitman MMA,

Guests: Mike Ware, Mary McKenzie Courier

No past minutes

No correspondence

No citizen comments

No reports as scheduled

Old Business: discussion was had on the following projects UNDER CONSIDERATION for the Council for 2018 as offered by Joe S, Julio R, and Paul G

1. Meet and Greet at the VFW
2. Clean up deteriorated flags and grounds on Wareham property, cemeteries and Town Hall front
3. End of Vietnam War anniversary luncheon, March 31st at 10:00....Onset VFW and Council joint venture with cost of approximately \$500.00.
4. Transportation proposal (see attached syllabus and refer to Veterans Council by-laws stating such)
5. Scholarship proposal...needs further discussion, verbiage corrections, etc.
6. Flag Day...help the Elks with their program any way we can
7. Memorial Day...same last year with 9 cemetery visits and flag placements
8. Veterans Day...more discussion
9. Vietnam Memorabilia location...designate a location to gather and display various information and items from the War...perhaps the library is a best choice
10. Dudley Brown VFW donation for their many years of support caring and supporting Veterans...further discussion

New Business and discussions: move flags to another location, presumably Red Wood basement

Discussion on the Friends new bylaws...requires more work

Next meeting Feb. 15

Respectively submitted

Jim Bruce

TRANSPORTATION PROPOSAL

1. Create weekly volunteer availability calendar
 - a. Mornings / afternoons / hours / week days
2. Create volunteer driver base (based on above)
3. Assign volunteer leaders to administer calendar
4. Present proposal to Friends to set aside funds for mileage reimbursement to volunteers
5. Create volunteer mileage reimbursement form (payable monthly) to include:

Name of Volunteer:
Date of Transportation:
Name of Veteran:
Pickup Location:
Destination:
Miles Driven:

6. Advertise program

Transportation can include: medical appointments; shopping; rides to events; and the like

Reservations for transportation should be scheduled "In advance" (to be determined) and "on call" (if volunteers can accommodate)

If workable, set up specific trips, i.e., VA Brockton, destinations (New Bedford...)

Administering the plan would be the most critical piece of this proposal. If no-one utilizes the service, nothing lost.

A time frame should be set to determine utilization so that any funds set aside by the Friends can be put back into the general fund if this does not take off.