

**Veterans Advisory Committee**  
**Thursday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, 5:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chambers**  
**City of Bonita Springs**  
**9101 Bonita Beach Road, City Council Chambers**  
**Bonita Springs, Florida 34135**

**MINUTES**

I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Jan Farrington led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL CALL

**Present**

Bobby Hunter  
Larry Ellis  
Jan Farrington  
Ron Winsett  
Adam Prentki  
Scott Cline

**Staff**

Kendra Gilreath

**Excused**

Paul Canning

**Public**

Steven Slachta

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

V. VETERAN'S DAY PLANNING DISCUSSION

Welcome – Bobby Hunter

Posting of the Colors – Palmetto Ridge High

Pledge of Allegiance – Bobby Hunter and Boy Scout and Cub Scout Troup 109

National Anthem – Dallas Bell from Touch a Hero's Heart

Invocation – T. Clark, Chaplain, American Legion Post 303

Dedication of POW/MIA – Mr. Adam Prentki and Mr. Scott Cline

Mayor's address – Mayor Peter Simmons

Honoring our Armed Forces – Mr. Alex Herron

Proclamation – Councilwoman Amy Quaremba

Presentation of Blue Gold Star Banners – Former Councilman Steven Slachta

Special Recognition – Former Councilman Steven Slachta will recognize

Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Vincent Fazio

Dedication of the Flag – Ms. Jan Farrington, President American Legion,  
Auxiliary Unit 303

Introduction of Guest Speaker – Mayor Simmons will introduce General Dyer

Mr. Winsett heard back from his contact in New Jersey regarding the program for Veterans where Veterans are admitted to local sports games at no charge. Mr. Winsett said his contact did not know anything about it. Mr. Winsett asked Mr. Slachta if he could find out more information.

Ms. Farrington asked if she could put the Veterans Day discount on their web page.

Ms. Gilreath reported on the action items from last meeting:

1. Ms. Gilreath will follow-up with Dallas from Touch a Hero's Heart to get her last name – ***Done and edited***
2. Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Mayor Simmons to see if he will introduce the guest speaker, General Dyer. – ***Done***
3. Ms. Gilreath will reach out to Mr. Slachta to confirm he will do the Blue and Gold Star Banners. - ***Done***
4. Ms. Gilreath will make edits to the program draft and send it out to the committee for review. ***Done***
5. Ms. Gilreath will look into the DVD produced by Mr. Gillett, find out where it is and possibly running it on the City's local station. Kendra is following-up
6. Ms. Gilreath will get in touch with Mr. Jaccarino at Parks and Recreation regarding the flag holders. ***Done two holders have been fixed***
7. Mr. Hunter advised letting the Springs Church know about the Veterans Day Service so they know what to expect. Done. ***Mr. Hunter said they set up tents and chairs and have a church service every Sunday. Ms. Gilreath will speak with Ms. Taylor about this.***
8. Mr. Hunter asked if we could get Antonio to interview General Dyer and Mr. Fazio. Ms. Gilreath will check with Ms. Taylor. ***Antonio will be at the ceremony with his video equipment.***
9. Mr. Hunter suggested the Mayor present the brick to General Dyer and Mr. Gillett will present the brick to Colonel Fazio. Check with the Mayor. ***Mr. Hunter asked Mr. Slachta if he would like to present the brick to the guest speaker.***
10. Mr. Gillett asked Ms. Gilreath to circulate the write-up for Mr. Fazio to the Committee and Mr. Slachta. ***Done***

X. NEXT MEETING DATE

***Mr. Hunter made a motion to set Thursday, December 13, 2018, for the next meeting, Mr. Prentki seconded; motion passed unanimously. Next meeting date confirmed for December 13, 2018.***

XI. ADJOURNMENT

***Meeting adjourned 5:53 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Chiaramonte

Nadine Chiaramonte, Office Assistant

APPROVED VETERANS ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

CPUB. 17/18  
Bobby Hunter, Chairman

DATE: 3-14-19

---

Any person requiring special accommodations at any of the meetings because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Meg Weiss, Director of Administrative Services, at 239-949-6262.

If a person decides to appeal a decision made by the Council in any matter considered at this meeting/hearing, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, to include the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Two or more members of the Bonita Springs City Council may be present and may participate at the meeting. The subject matter of this meeting may be an item for discussion and action at a future Bonita Springs City Council meeting.