

Town of Hope Mills
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 28, 2019

1. Meeting called to order at 1800 by Grilley Mitchell.
2. Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Roll Call:

<u>Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Grilley Mitchell	Elizabeth Blevins
Meghan Freeman	Roland Rochester
Ron Maury	
Jessie Bellflowers	
Jim Blevins	
Bill Greene	
John Cook	
Greg Dickerson	
Jim Morris	

Not present were Al Ferri & Clinton Murray

4. Agenda was approved.
5. Meeting minutes from the February 28, 2019, meeting were approved as written.
6. Old Business:

a. Veterans Outreach Day:

i. We have the following confirmed/pending sponsors: **(Open)**

- A. Veteran State Service Office – Confirmed.
- B. Fayetteville VA Director – Pending.
- C. Penny from the Veterans Council – Confirmed.
- D. Rolling Thunder – Pending.
- E. Lone Survivor Foundation – Confirmed.
- F. Mark from the Hope Mills Chamber – Confirmed.
- G. Christopher Smith, Certified Survivor/Death Benefits – Confirmed.
- H. PTSD Rep – Pending.
- I. GI Bill/Education Benefits – Pending.
- J. Food Mission BBQ – Declined.
- K. American Legion Post 32 – Confirmed.
- L. VFW Post 670 – Confirmed.
- M. Air Force Casualty Assistance – Confirmed.
- N. Red Cross – Confirmed.
- O. VA Mobile RV – Confirmed.
- P. Glenda Lindsay, VA Health Care – Confirmed.
- Q. Beverly Slagle – Confirmed.
- R. Humana Insurance – Confirmed.
- S. Kelly West – Confirmed.
- T. Kendra Danzer, Suicide Prevention – Confirmed.

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- U. Paul Berry, NC Servcs – Confirmed.
- V. Cumberland County Veterans Office

ii. Food for the Outreach event:

- A. Grilley will get with Zaxby's, Baldino's and Subway.
- B. Bill will get with Firehouse Subs.
- C. Jim M. will get with Walmart.

b. Painting the artillery. Last painting was not correct. Roland to get with 82d Sustainment to see if they will paint it. **(Open)**

c. Hero's Homecoming: **(Open)**

i. County meeting will be April 12, 2019, 1130, in the Pate Room at the Cumberland County Library.

ii. Our theme will be Normandy 75.

d. The FaceBook page is up and running. Need to give admin rights to Jim Blevins and Jim Morris. **(Closed)**

7. New Business:

a. Veteran Volunteer Family of the Year. **(Open)**

- i. Jim B. passed out draft criteria.
- ii. More discussion to come.

b. Mentoring – Possibility to visit schools and other youth programs. **(Open)**

c. Upcoming Memorial Day Program. Add the Gold Star Mother Plaque? **(Open)**

- i. Ceremony to start at 1600.
- ii. Committee to purchase a wreath.
- iii. Name plate for Jim Clark.
- iv. Meghan will fill out request form to get the name plate affixed.
- v. The Army section of the memorial is almost full.

d. There is a committee vacancy that will get filled during the next Commissioners meeting. **(Closed)**

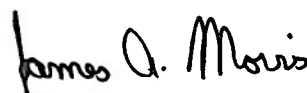
8. Around the table:

- a. Mission BBQ will be providing Vietnam Vets free food all day on March 29, 2019.
- b. June 12, is the ACS Anniversary.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for April, 25, 2019, at 1800.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 1911.


GRILLEY MITCHELL
Chairman


JAMES MORRIS
Secretary