

**VETERANS MEMORIAL ISLAND SANCTUARY
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 – 10:00 a.m.
City Hall, Council Chambers, Vero Beach, Florida**

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A) December 5, 2018**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A) Request to use Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary - Memorial Service for Carmen Yannetelli**
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A) Recap of the Wreaths Across America Ceremony**
 - B) Update on the Repair/Replacement of the Gold Star Families Plaque**
- 7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**
- 8. MEMBER'S MATTERS**
- 9. NEXT MEETING DATE**
 - A) Next Meeting Date – February 6, 2019**
- 10. ADJOURNMENT**

This is a Public Meeting. Should any interested party seek to appeal any decision made by the Committee with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and that, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Anyone who needs a special accommodation for this meeting may contact the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator at 978-4920 at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.

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Wednesday, December 5, 2018 – 10:00 a.m.
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PRESENT: Chairman, John Michael Matthews, Vice Chairman, Joel Herman, Members: Barbara Fallon, Curtis Paulisin, Don Wickstrand, and Alternate Member, Peggy Lyon **Also Present:** Recreation Director, Rob Slezak; Public Works Manager, Don Dexter, Assistant City Attorney, Stefanie Beskovoyne, and Senior Administrative Assistant, Rita Hawkins

Excused Absence: Sylvester McIntosh

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Matthews called today's meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Committee members and the audience joined together in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) November 7, 2018

Ms. Fallon made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 7, 2018 Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Herman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

A) Wreaths Across America Ceremony – Mr. Rick Lewis

Mr. Matthews announced that the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee previously approved the Wreaths Across America program, but they would like to hear more information about the upcoming ceremony.

Mr. Rick Lewis introduced Mr. Joe Crowley and stated that they came before the Veterans Memorial Island Committee about 11 months ago asking for permission to introduce the Wreaths Across America program into Indian River County. This year they received donations for 883 of the needed 1,300 wreaths to reach their goal. He said on December 15, 2018 there will be a ceremony on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary. They will start the day by placing wreaths at Crestlawn Cemetery and then they will go to Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary where they will hold a Wreaths Across America Ceremony at noon.

Mr. Joe Crowley explained that they should arrive at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. to place the wreaths on the cenotaph markers and then at 12:00 p.m. they will hold a ceremony. He said the Wreaths Across America program will be taking place at 1,600 locations across the country,

including Arlington Cemetery and they will all be conducting the same ceremony at noon. He explained that Mr. Tony Young, City Councilmember, will be the speaker for the brief ceremony. This is a great event and they are encouraging everyone from the community to attend, or help with placing the wreaths. He explained that they will pick them up after the holiday, because they are live wreaths and they will not last very long in the warm Florida climate.

Mr. Matthews asked if they have enough wreaths for all the cenotaph markers. Mr. Crowley replied yes. Veterans Memorial Island was taken care of very quickly by some very generous donations. Their goal was to make sure they had enough wreaths to cover the Island first and then they would work on Crestlawn Cemetery. Since they have 800 wreaths to place at the cemetery they would love to see 200 people show up to help place the wreaths at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 15, 2018. They want to invite anyone who wants to help to be at Crestlawn Cemetery at 10:30 a.m., Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m., and then stay for the Ceremony at 12:00 p.m.

Mr. Paulisin asked if there is a website that people can go to and make donations, so they can meet their goal. Mr. Crowley explained that there is a website, but the cutoff date has passed and the wreaths are in the process of being shipped from Maine. He explained that this was their first year for this program in Indian River County and they were happy with getting almost 900 wreaths donated. Next year they hope that number will be larger, because they have learned a lot about how to get the word out in the community.

Mrs. Lyon asked Mr. Crowley to repeat the date and locations. Mr. Crowley replied that the date is Saturday, December 15, 2018. They will start laying the wreaths at 10:30 a.m. at Crestlawn Cemetery and at 11:30 a.m. at Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary.

Mr. Matthews asked if they would like the volunteers to come dressed in their uniforms, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Veterans, etc. Mr. Crowley replied that they would love to see the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Veterans organizations, school sports teams, band members, etc. to come dressed in their uniforms. They like to see them representing their organizations and showing support.

Mr. Lewis stated that the American Legion Post 39 Riders from Vero Beach and Post 189 Riders from Sebastian will be attending. He will be attending the Veterans Council meeting this afternoon to invite them to send representatives as well.

Mr. Patrick Williamson, Vice President of Veterans Council Next Generation Veterans, asked if they have done a press release or involved the press at all. Mr. Crowley replied that they gave their press release to Mr. Bruce Cady, Veterans Council President, for him to send out.

Mr. Tony Young, City Councilmember, asked if they have a flyer that they can hand out. Mr. Crowley said absolutely. They have a template, so that they will fill in the dates and times and send it to the City Clerk's office to be distributed.

B) Annual Report

Mr. Matthews said they each received a copy of the draft annual report and it looks like they had quite a few events that took place on Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary this past year. He asked if any of the Committee members had any additions or corrections.

Mr. Herman pointed out that on page four (4) in the second sentence of the third paragraph the word "much" should be "march". The Senior Administrative Assistant replied that she would make that correction.

Mr. Paulisin made a motion to accept the 2018 Annual Report with the one (1) correction made. Mr. Herman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A) Recap of the Veterans Day Ceremony

Mr. Matthews reported that the Veterans Day Ceremony was a great event and well attended. They printed 1,500 programs and most of them were handed out. He briefly went over the program and stated that everyone did a wonderful job. He encourages the public to come to Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary for the events, such as Veterans Day, Memorial Day, POW/MIA Day, or any of the other events that take place on the Island throughout the year.

Mr. Young thanked the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee for their shepherding of the Island. He said that when they have a ceremony and people are invited from out of town they are just blown away. They don't only see how beautiful the Island is, but they also see the participation by people of all different age groups. Over the years the Island has taken on a special meaning to the residence here. He explained that they had two (2) families there that lost family members and were part of the dedication of the Gold Star Grove. He said that really brings to light what the Sanctuary is all about. The fact that the trees were donated, the plaques were paid for by the American Legion, and the Gold Star families are participating all speaks about the people of this community and the Island. It is a reflection of the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee and the City as something very special in Indian River County and it is priceless.

Mr. Matthews commented that the dedication of the Gold Star Grove was a big part of the ceremony.

Mr. Matthews stated that the large map at the entrance to Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary is time consuming and costly to remake, but it does not include the Gold Star Grove or monument. He believes it should be added.

B) Update on the Repair/Replacement of the Gold Star Families Plaque

Mr. Matthews asked for an update on the repair or replacement of the Gold Star plaque.

Mr. Young said it will be up to the discretion of Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee, but they offered to remove the plaque and send it back to be repaired.

Mr. Don Dexter, Publix Works Manager, explained that they have been in touch with the foundry about having it repaired. The foundry said they can make a repair, but it but will not match exactly. They are working with the foundry to see if they can send them a photo or something so they can determine what it would look like.

Mr. Matthews said that it is not badly damaged, so he believes it could be repaired instead of being replaced.

Mr. Paulisin said he agrees that it should to be repaired.

7. CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Mr. Matthews announced that Pearl Harbor Day is coming up on December 7, 2018. Not only should they remember all those that were lost in Pearl Harbor but those in the ensuing battles and those in

World War II that went on after that. He said he is not aware of any ceremonies scheduled for Pearl Harbor Day.

Mr. Young announced that the American Legion will have a ceremony in Sebastian at Riverview Park on this Friday at 1:00 p.m.

8. MEMBER'S MATTERS

Mr. Wickstrand announced that on this Saturday the Armed Guard Merchant Marines Museum is opening in Fellsmere next to Marsh Landing. Everyone is invited to attend the ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Wickstrand asked for an update on the Lest We Forget monument. Ms. Stefanie Beskovoyne, Assistant City Attorney, replied that there has been no update.

Mr. Paulisin stated that Mr. Ace Cappelen recently passed away and he had the honor of attending his inspirational ceremony. Mr. Cappelen was a big advocate for the City, Indian River County, and the Veterans.

Mr. Paulisin said that he also attended the Marine Corp Ball and he had a great time.

Mr. Matthews said it was a wonderful ceremony that they had for Mr. Cappelen and he enjoyed hearing his grandchildren speak. He was a wonderful man and everyone thought so much of him.

Mr. Young thanked the Committee for a productive year and all their work. He said he reviewed the annual report prior to the meeting and they had a full year. The Committee has done a commendable job. He is pleased that they have the opportunity to construct an Iraqi/Afghanistan monument and he believes the location for it is better than any other option they could have found. He thinks the Island is in good standing for the coming year which is a reflection of the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee. He would like to offer to sponsor the Committee for the next City Council meeting to come and speak about their annual report, so that it has visibility to all of the City Council and the community. He stated that in the coming year he will provide Mr. Dexter with the names of the individuals for the plaques for the Gold Start Grove. He said he will also work with the City Attorney's office in regards to the wording of the City Ordinance for the Gold Start Grove and plaques. He announced that the Committee will have two (2) applications coming to them for review and approval of cenotaph markers to be placed on the Island. He said the Committee should pursue their request for a new sanctuary map, because the investment will be worth it. He reported that they have approximately 70 men from this area that are identified on the Lest We Forget and the Pearl Harbor Survivor memorial. He said that last year someone purchased a beautiful wreath and roses and placed them next to the memorial, so he knows the public is engaged with the Island.

Mr. Williamson asked if the Words From War memorial will be listed on the Sanctuary map even though it is not on the Island, but it is tied to it. Mr. Matthews replied that it will be kind of hard to miss the memorial when coming to Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary, but it is not actually part of sanctuary. He thinks it should be, so they will probably need to discuss it. Mr. Williamson said he asked only because there are a lot of people who visit here and they might not know what it is. When they complete the second phase and the smaller memorial is added to the Island it might be beneficial to tie those two (2) together.

Mr. Williamson reported that the Veterans Council Next Generation Veterans has raised \$90,000 in funds for the project and things are progressing. They look forward to working with the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee and putting a memorial on the Island and bringing

everything together. They are excited and the team is energized. He thanked everyone who has counseled them through this process and getting them to where they are now. Without all the support they would probably still be lost.

Mr. Matthews stated that the Words From War will be a regional monument for these conflicts.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

A) Next Meeting Date – January 2, 2019

The next meeting of the Veterans Memorial Island Sanctuary Advisory Committee is scheduled for January 2, 2018.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Today's meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.

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To C.M.	Called App.	To Guards	Notified	Paid	Special Notes
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**City of Vero Beach Recreation Department
2266 14th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960
(772) 567-2144, fax (772) 778-6515**

**REQUEST FOR THE USE OF
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ISLAND SANCTUARY**

The undersigned, on his/her own behalf or as authorized agent of CARMEN "YANK" YANNOTELLI hereinafter "Applicant," respectfully requests the use of Veteran's Memorial Island Sanctuary.

Date of Event: JAN 12 2019 Type of Event MEMORIAL SERVICE

Total Time Requested: 12 - 2 PM (from set-up/event to clean-up/departure)

Estimated Number of people to attend: 35-50

Electric Needed: Yes or No (Please circle)

1. Veteran's Memorial Island Sanctuary has been designated as a park for the quiet contemplation of those who have given their lives in the service of this country. Any use of this park should observe solemnity of this special area. Weddings, receptions, running, ball playing, horseplay, or other inappropriate activity will not be allowed.
2. If preparation time is required for the event, this time should be included with the overall request for the use of this facility to avoid any schedule conflicts.
3. Parking for the applicant and his/her guests is allowed only in designated areas, parking in grass areas is not permitted. Vehicles are not permitted on Veteran's Memorial Island Sanctuary.
4. The applicant shall be responsible for the complete cleanup of the area after the event. This cleanup will include all foreign matter that has been transported to this area by the applicant, its guests, or other spectators.
5. There will be no digging, underground installations, tents, or temporary building installations, or pruning of foliage without prior specific permission of the City Manager or his designee. This authorization must be obtained in writing in advance of any action of the above on the part of the applicant. All applicants with authorization who plan to do this type of activity must confirm the location of any underground facilities/ utilities by contacting the following agencies.
 - a. Southern Bell (1-800-432-4700)
 - b. Water & Sewer (978-5220)
6. If the applicant plans to decorate, all decorations must be removed on the same day.
7. No alcoholic beverages may be consumed on this property at any time.
8. No loud music or other objectionable noise or amplification is permitted in this area.

9. This application should be submitted to the Recreation Department 45 days prior to the event.

10. Special Requests:

WW2 VETERANS DID NOT GET DD214
ATTACHED IS DEPT OF VETERAN AFFAIRS
SHOWING YANKS 100% SERVICE CONNECTION

The undersigned certifies that he/she has read and understands the foregoing. Further, the undersigned certifies that he/she is authorized to obligate the organization or group he/she represents in making this request and ensuring compliance with these rules.

Signed: John Matthews

Print: JOHN MATTHEWS (538-2590)

Name of Organization: INDIAN RIVER DETACHMENT MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Address: VICTORY CENTER STORE - 6200 20th ST Zip: 32960

Telephone #: 559-4260 E-mail: RONBROOKS99@COMCAST.NET

Website: _____

APPROVAL AND RECOMMENDATION BY:

THE VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY:

[Signature] DATE: 18 DEC 18
(Signature)

THE VETERAN'S COUNCIL OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY:

[Signature] DATE: 18 Dec 18
(Signature)

THE VETERANS MEMORIAL ISLAND SANCTUARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

[Signature] DATE: 12-18
(Signature)

APPROVAL BY THE CITY MANAGER:

(Signature) DATE: _____

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