

Town of Hope Mills
Veterans Affairs Commission
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 25, 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	Jan Spell (Hope Mills Chamber)
Ron Maury	Kelly Spell (Hope Mills Chamber)
Jessie Bellflowers	
Jim Blevins	
Bill Greene	
Al Ferri	
Greg Dickerson	
Jim Morris	

Not present were Clinton Murray, John Cook & Elizabeth Cooper

4. Agenda was approved with the following changes:
 - a. The update for the Veterans Outreach was switched with Hero's Homecoming.
 - b. Review and approval of the quarterly report was added to new business.
5. Meeting minutes from the March 28, 2019, meeting were approved with the following change:
 - a. The Cumberland County Veterans Office was added as paragraph 6, a, i, V.
6. Old Business:
 - a. Hero's Homecoming: **(Open)**
 - i. Chamber to host Chili cook-off at Dirtbag Ales on Saturday, 9 November.
 - ii. Millstone Theater movie. Possibly "Saving Private Ryan".
 - iii. Dirtbag Ales marketing possible hosting a "Veterans Day Ball".
 - iv. Bell ringing at 1100.
 - v. VFW ceremony at 1500.
 - vi. Talk to local businesses, schools and other places about setting up a "Missing Man Table".
 - vii. Create displays for the library and possibly schools.
 - viii. Collect World War II articles.
 - ix. County meeting will be June 7, 2019, 1130, in the Pate Room at the Cumberland County Library.
 - x. Our inputs due to the County by July 26, 2019.
 - xi. Our theme will be Normandy 75.
 - b. Veterans Outreach Day: **(Open)**
 - i. We have the following confirmed/pending sponsors:

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- A. Veteran State Service Office – Confirmed.
- B. Fayetteville VA Director – Pending.
- C. Penny from the Veterans Council – Confirmed.
- D. Rolling Thunder – Confirmed.
- E. Lone Survivor Foundation – Confirmed.
- F. Mark Pezzella from the Hope Mills Chamber – Confirmed.
- G. Christopher Smith, Certified Survivor/Death Benefits – Confirmed.
- H. PTSD Rep – Pending.
- I. GI Bill/Education Benefits – Confirmed.
- J. Food Mission BBQ – Declined.
- K. American Legion Post 32 – Confirmed.
- L. VFW Post 670 – Confirmed.
- M. Air Force & Army 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.
- U. Paul Berry, NC Serves – Confirmed.
- V. Cumberland County Veterans Office – Confirmed.

ii. Food for the Outreach event:

- A. Couldn't get Zaxby's, Baldino's and Subway to commit.
- B. Couldn't get Firehouse Subs to commit.
- C. Walmart Store #3456 on Legion Road will make a donation

iii. Meghan will make signs.

iv. John Cook to donate 2 cases of water.

v. Grilley to purchase soda, cups, napkins & forks.

c. The FaceBook page is up and running. **(Closed)**

d. The name plate for Jim Clark was ordered and paid for. It will be here in time for the Memorial Day remembrance. **(Closed)**

e. \$35 was paid for Cumberland County Veterans Council annual membership. **(Closed)**

7. New Business:

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

i. Ceremony to start at 1600.

ii. Committee to purchase a wreath. Needs to be selected and be less than \$150.

iii. Name plate for Jim Clark has been ordered and paid for.

iv. Meghan has completed the request form to get the name plate affixed.

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b. The Army section of the memorial is almost full. Possible schedule and host fundraisers to expand the memorials. **(Open)**

c. The Quarterly Report was reviewed and unanimously approved. **(Closed)**

8. Around the table:

a. Seymour-Johnson AFB Air Show is this coming weekend.

b. Fayetteville Crime Stoppers fundraiser is 1000 – 1900 at the Raeford Road Harris Teeter. Cost for a plate of food is \$8.

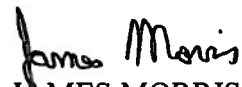
c. Lone Survivor Foundation opening a new facility in Fayetteville. May 10 – 11. Looking for volunteers on their website.

d. First of May is Post loyalty Day.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for May 23, 2019, at 1800.

10. Meeting Adjourned at 1900.


GRILLEY MITCHELL
Chairman


JAMES MORRIS
Secretary