

Northeast Georgia Veteran Organizations Coalition

Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2012

I. Persons Present:

Dave Dellinger, Commander American Legion Post #7, Member Vietnam Veterans of America

Paul Godfrey, Personal Affairs Officer, Georgia Mountain Chapter, Military Officer Association of America, Member Disabled American Veterans Georgia Chapter 17, member American Legion Post 328, Associate Member the Marine Corps League Chattahoochee Detachment #665

Johnny Varner, Adjutant American Legion Post #328

II. Call to Order

1. The meeting began at approximately 7:15 pm

III. Deliberations

1. The attendees represented, either officially or unofficially, the two American Legion Posts in the county 7 and 328, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Marine Corps League Chattahoochee Detachment 665 in auxiliary guise, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 17, and the Military Officers Association of America Georgia Mountain Chapter.
2. Those in attendance discussed the upcoming August 14 event at the Goodwill Center (see attached) . We discussed advertising for the event in addition to the contact each representative who attended last month promised to provide his organization's membership. Johnny Varner okayed posting the notice on the Gainesville Times and Access North Georgia Community pages. Paul Godfrey agreed to post the information. Johnny also said he would look into the feasibility of asking local news media to publish information about the event. The concern was oversaturating with news coverage for events that sputtered.
3. Dave Dellinger reported on the ongoing status of the pavilion/lakefront project. He cited the \$25,000 contribution from the city of Gainesville and the planned use of detention labor to complete the project. He also suggested that at completion it could be dedicated as a veteran facility and all veteran groups could participate at its dedication.
4. We also discussed planned events for Veterans Day. Dave spoke to the traditional community activities planned by Post 7 at a local Church with a veteran guest speaker and invited others, including Post 328, to participate, perhaps by providing a memorial wreath at the church. We also noted that the Korean Veterans association should be completing their monument at memorial park on Veterans Day. That would be a day event followed by the night event at the church.
5. Finally, the group discussed the fact that only three of us were able to make the monthly meeting tonight. Knowing everyone's tight schedules, we discussed changing our monthly

coordinating meeting to We discussed changing our meetings to bi-monthly, that is every two months. But we really need everyone's agreement, so we propose we have a get together on August 14th at the Oakwood Goodwill Center immediately following the VA event.

6. **In addition, we want everyone to know that this is exactly the type of recruiting event that is one of the three major areas we all agreed needed work. The Commanders, Commandants, and/or Presidents of the above identified organizations are requested to have a representative attend, in organization uniform, for recruitment purposes and to "show the flag."**

III. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2012 at the Goodwill Center, Oakwood, GA approx. 12pm.

Respectfully Submitted

Dr. Paul W. Godfrey



Oakwood Career Center
Veterans Claims Information
Session

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2012

10AM – 12PM

All Veterans are welcomed!

Career Center @ Oakwood (Inside Goodwill Store)

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