

Hall County Veterans Organization Coordinating Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2012

I. Persons Present:

NAME	POSITION	ORGANIZATION	EMAIL
Dave Browne	Commander	Vietnam Veterans of America	sailorskchief@aol.com
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Paul Godfrey, for Gary McBride	Legislative Liaison	Disabled American Veterans Post 17	gmseven11@gmail.com
Cookie Salinas	Immediate Past Commandant	Marine Corps League Upper Det 665	cs820@bellsouth.net
Asberry Turner	Commander	American Legion Post 328	turner@yahoo.com
Stephen McGruder	VSO & DOL Services Specialist	American Legion Post 328 & Ga Dept of Labor	tmcgruders@aol.com & Stephen.mcgruder@gdol.ga.gov

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, the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 17, and the Military Officers Association of America Georgia Mountain Chapter.
2. The attendees first discussed the December 15th Wreath laying event at the Alta Vista Cemetery by the Longstreet Ladies as part of the nation-wide Arlington Wreath Project. All veteran organizations represented were asked to pass this on to their members.

3. The attendees then discussed their planned activities over the next two months, including the upcoming Veterans' Day activities..
4. The Marine Corps League has several activities with which they are involved.
 - a. A Sunday, November 11, 2012, 5k Toys for Tots run at Lake Lanier Island. The run begins at 5:45 pm
 - b. The Marine Corps Birthday Ball at the Chestatee Golf Clubhouse on November 10th. Although seating is limited, there are a couple of more seats available. Seats are \$50 each.
 - c. The Marine Corps League will provide the Honor Guard at the Gainesville State College naming ceremonies. Members at the college will read the names of all those veterans lost in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. American Legion Post 328 will also participate.
5. The American Legion Post 7 also has several traditional Memorial Day Events in which they are participating.
 - a. On Veteran's Day Monday November 12, at 11:00 am, the traditional Veteran's Day Ceremonies sponsored by the post will be held at the Lakewood Baptist Church (see attached flyer). Dan Landrum will be the guest speaker. American Legion Post 328 will also participate by leading the congregation in the pledge of allegiance. All Veterans and all members of the county are invited to attend.
 - b. [Dave, my notes petered out here, can you supply the other things the post is doing?]
6. The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter identified several events.
 - a. Wreath laying at the Rock Creek Veterans Park , sponsored by Mr. Johnny Hulsey, will occur on Sunday, November 11, 2012 at 2:00 pm.
 - b. The discussion by the author of the book "That Time, That Place, That War" by its author Margaret Brown will be held at the Paul Bolling Post 7 at the end of Riverside Drive at 7:00 pm on November 12th.
7. The Korea Veterans Association anticipated completion and dedication of their monument at Rock Creek Veterans Park was held earlier than expected.

{This is only the first part of the notes of our meeting. It is almost midnight, and I'll stop here and pick up tomorrow after I vote and attend my political meetings. Anything you want to add, delete or correct, please let me know. I know Stephen particularly had several things to add and I had some things from the DAV work with the local colleges to add, so don't be shy and don't hesitate to put your input in}



Veteran's Day 2012 Celebration



Sponsored By
American Legion Post 7
Gainesville GA

**The Event will take place at 11:00 AM.,
Monday November 12th, 2012**

*at Lakewood Baptist Church,
2235 Thompson Bridge Rd.,
Gainesville, GA. 30501*

Give an hour of your freedom to honor U.S.
military veterans and
your active duty military .