

# ATTENDANCE

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Meeting began OA 1900 hrs

The Wreaths Across America committee came by and dropped of flyers and cards about the December wreath-laying event (attached)

The Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) status was summarized by Harold Nash

Opening State Court VTC ceremonies were at 0800 hrs, October 8, 2014 at the Hall County Courthouse.

Veteran Mentors noted.

Some ten veteran organization members stepped up as mentors and were trained last Tuesday.

Steve McGruder was cited as the coordinator/motivator behind that. Effort

Now we have 7 functioning VTCs in Georgia

Additional efforts to focus on virgin areas was cited

The need for PTSD informational/recognition training was also cited.

The question of other than honorable veterans eligibility/participation in VTC was asked.

Currently state VTC law does not preclude their participation, but resources other than VA would need be used.

Requests for upgrade to honorable/general pursuable as well.

#### Fall Stand down

The stand down will be November 22, 2014

Post 328 taking lead. Stand Down Team POC. Ken Mason

Each organization asked to provide an organization POC to Ken.

Some things to consider were discussed, but Stand Down Team will need to really address.

**ACTION:** Each organization will provide a contact person to Ken Mason ((678) 546-9188 kensmason@bellsouth.net).

Veterans Day (November 11).

**Sunday, November 9, 2014, 1500 hrs, 1<sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church Veteran Program**

**Tuesday, November 11, 2014, 0900 hrs, Flowery Branch Nursing Home veteran event. Marine Corps League to provide Color Guard.**

**hrs.**

**Tuesday, November 11, 1100 hrs, Lakewood Baptist Church Veterans Day program. Each organization should bring a wreath to honor fallen Vets.**

**Tuesday, November 11, 1200 hrs, Rock Creek Park Veteran Wreath laying ceremony. Marine Corps League to provide taps.**

**The coalition determined that collection of donations for our organizations at these events was appropriate. Each organization to provide their own bucket.**

Nursing group at Brenau collecting/raising supplies for service members deployed.

They seek means to ship via govt transport

Alternative is pay for shipment by USPS with vet organizations help.

Other groups may be considered for helping.

JCS Senior Enlisted Advisor event held September 30, the jobs for vets program was touted.

Extensive preparations for active duty to return to employment in the works beginning 90 days before separation.

VA a big part of this activity vis-à-vis VA claims.

2015 GA Legislature bill asks all military retired pay to be tax exempt. We need to follow this (and get our reps to push it)

The next Mentor Training session for VTC is Tuesday October 18 at 1800hrs

Department of Labor Veteran Jobs Seminar 1000 hrs, November 3, 2014 at DOL building on Atlanta Highway.

Job prep session

Followed by job fair by actual hirers

Post 328 van to DAV for local transport.

Possible issues on sharing upkeep costs

Still need to work out drivers.

Van for local use only.