

## Scituate Veterans Council Meeting Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 at 6:00pm

### VFW Hall Rt 3A Scituate MA

Call to order 6:10 at VFW Hall

VAC members present: Joe Kelley, Ed Kelley, Chris Lessard, Kim Stewart, Bob Maclean

Others: Ed Gibbons and Drew Kitchen, SPD liaisons, Don Knapp, VSO, Denis Bador, Steve Litchfield, Bob Callahan, American Legion

Acceptance of the agenda – E. Kelley moved, K. Stewart second- all in favor

Veteran's Day- The Legion runs this event at the Senior Center. K. Stewart commented on the good publicity by the Town. B. Callahan reports there are still seats for the dinner. M. Deveraux arranged for the hockey team to assist. D. Kitchen will bring the warm winter coat buckets from the Kraft coat drive last year. All members are encouraged to attend.

VA Mobile Van- C Lessard reports event is set for 11/09 @ 9:00am at the Senior Center. K Stewart gave this information to the Town for broadcasting. C. Lessard will secure donuts and coffee will be served by the senior center. All members encouraged to stop by.

Wreaths Across America- date set for December 17<sup>th</sup>. This event is run by American Legion. SHS Football team will assist. Members are encouraged to put this event on the calendar.

Retired Flags box at the landfill- J. Kelley reports the box is full at this time. Scituate resident and Braintree VSO will continue to be responsible for emptying the box and properly disposing of the flags.

Congressional Medal of Honor recipients- J Kelley has recently learned of several recipients that lived in Scituate and would like them recognized at Memorial Day observances. J. Kelley will investigate further.

American Legion Oratory Contest- D. Bador/B. Callahan report this will take place in the Performing Arts Center on November 10<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. This is part of a national contest. 3 finalist from Scituate will be practicing their speeches. The subject is any aspect of the Constitution they choose.

Additional Council Membership- J. Kelley advises the Council that there is interest. The council will increase its number to 9 voting – super majority will remain veterans. The Board of Selectman will vote to make the change in number. Currently K. Stewart and J. Kelley are the only civilians. K. Stewart encourages the council to seek out additional members who share our goals, are ready to get to work and have a positive attitude.

D. Kitchen suggests that we use our December meeting as a meet and greet for potential members. The idea was embraced and we will proceed with that plan.

VSO Report- D. Knapp reports that he has been in training for his 3 year certification and he passed his test.

October Minutes- motion to accept E. Kelley, second C. Lessard- all in favor

Next meeting 12/6 6pm at the VFW Hall

Adjournment 7:13

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Stewart, Secretary