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Subject: Veterans' Council Meeting

Time: 4:00 p.m. - Place: Civil Defense Room, Falmouth Town Hall Basement

In Attendance: Chairman Jim Sawyer, Member Kevin Casey, Member Ron Dyer, Member Louis Souza, Member Ed Van Keuren, Director Don Lincoln

Absent: Member Randy Collette, Member Rob Foos, Member Carole Kenney, Member Bob Teixeira

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sawyer at 4:00 p.m. & Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

1. Old Business: Nursing Home Visits. Member Dyer displayed a sample of what was given out at the nursing home visits. He discussed the labeling on the package to let the veterans know who contributed to the gift bags. He noted they assembled 144 bags and that there are 3 left for any veteran who might need them.

2. Other Remarks:

Sandy Fairman-Silva and Richard Duby made a presentation about the White Ribbon Campaign. The motto of the campaign is "Men Working to End Violence Against Women and All Forms of Gender-Based Violence. The campaign was started by men in Canada and is a global campaign. Ms. Fairman-Silva explained that the

Cape has a high incidence of violence against women and some of the causes that contribute to that violence is stress due to seasonal jobs, low pay, high cost of living, alcohol and drug use. They are asking men to take a pledge to end violence against women and all gender-based violence. There was a White Ribbon Campaign event held last March at the Falmouth Main Street library. Local organizations and businesses endorsed the campaign and were shown on their printed program. Police Chief Dunne and the Falmouth Police are very supportive of the campaign. Chief Dunne is trying to put together a White Ribbon Campaign event to be held during roll call for the police department.

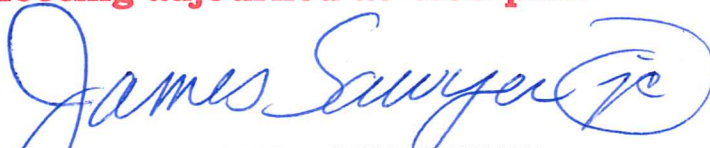
Ms. Fairman-Silva, in response to Member Dyer's questions, discussed various local educational and outreach components of the campaign. Mr. Doby, who is a Vietnam veteran, shared his experience during the war and the feeling of fear every day and wants to help alleviate the daily fear domestic violence victims feel. Ms. Fairman-Silva explained that they hope men will take over the campaign, as has happened elsewhere and run with it. They feel that it's more effective to have men speaking to other men about domestic violence. There was discussion regarding the campaign, education and goals. Member Casey invited them to speak at the new Veterans' Center, once the veterans are in there. Ms. Fairman-Silva asked for the Veterans' Council's endorsement of the campaign and attendance at their event to be held on March 2, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in the Hermann Room at the Falmouth Public Library on Main Street. Chairman Sawyer stated that this topic will be on February's agenda so that all of the Veterans' Council members can be informed about the campaign and the March event.

Member Casey made a motion to endorse the White Ribbon Campaign, Member Van Keuren seconded. Four in favor, one opposed. Motion carried (4-1).

Member Casey talked about the new allowance of 0% service-connected veterans and their spouses to have access to the base. He explained that the veteran who has the VA Healthcare System id card, saying they are service connected must go to the Falmouth Gate, to get to the ID section of the 102nd Air National Guard and they will get them squared away.

Chairman Sawyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Member Souza seconded. All in favor, none opposed. Motion carried (5-0).

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.



JAMES SAWYER, CHAIRMAN
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