



City of Doral Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 16, 2024
6:00 p.m.
Doral Government Center
3rd Floor Training Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
Rich Bautista, Vice Chair	Present
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present
Isabel Martin, Board Member	Present
William Fitzgerald, Board Member	Present

Staff present:

Edgard Estrada, Director, Code Compliance

Public present:

Nicole Trolio, Director, Family & Morale, Welfare & Recreation (MWR), U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (USAG-Miami)

Ivonne Perez-Suarez, FL Dept of Agriculture, Consumer Services

Kathy Avila, Practice Choice Associates

George Calleja, Advocate, Health Advisors

Steven Parsley, Doral resident

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

George Calleja and Kathy Avila introduced themselves, health care advocates with a segment for veterans. Briefly discussed how they advocate on behalf of veterans for VA

services and services outside VA healthcare.

Ivonne Perez-Suarez from Florida Department of Agriculture brought fliers for the Board to pass along to veterans to sign up for Operation Outdoor Freedom Fishing and Hunting Events across the State of Florida. As stated in the previous meeting attended, she provides information from the office for Veteran Consumer Affairs.

5. Approval of Minutes

a. October 1, 2024

Motion to approve the October 1 meeting minutes made by Vice Chair Bautista and seconded by Member Fitzgerald. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Veteran's Family Day Event/Health Fair

Chair Watts asked George Calleja and Kathy Avila if they would like a table at the Family Day Event. They expressed interest. Secretary Flynn will send an email with information on the event.

Secretary Flynn will send an email to Ivonne Perez-Suarez, Consumer Services, in case they may like a table at the event.

Secretary Flynn to contact Assisting Hands with event information.

The City is finalizing the contract for MISSION BBQ for food. Little Caesars has confirmed with the city to donate 20 pizzas. Waiting for DJ confirmation.

Secretary Flynn confirmed Miami Dade Fire Rescue paper submitted for truck demonstration from Station 69, no confirmation. Doral PD confirmation from Chaplain, motorcycles, and officers on duty.

Chair Watts noted the following confirmations: Vet Info, Garrison, VFW, Young Marines, Keyes, Home Title Partners, MISSION UNITED Broward, United Martial Arts, RE/MAX (renamed) with Outpatient Psy Care, Wounded Warriors, Share Your Heart, Miami Military Museum, Miami Eco Adventures, Vet Center and VA services-LPOP / Suicide Prevention / Eligibility and Enrollment, Animal Services with 2 vans, Moments Hospice, Assisting Hands, Green Knights.

The following will not be able to attend: American Legion, Marine Corps League

The following are still awaiting confirmation: MISSION UNITED Miami, Florida Fish and Wildlife, Monat Global, FIU, Mission Continues, Civil Air Patrol, Concerned Veterans of America needs confirmation and table.

The following will be donating items: United Martial Arts, Sports Clips.

b. New discussion item related to current events, Ms. Trolio noted that to properly engage with US Southern Command advertising of local veteran and military aimed events, send her the event information dates along with the specific veteran and military aimed vendors that will be part of the event, show the Command the relation of the event in reference to services directly aimed for their troops.

7. Discussion of Next Meeting Agenda Items

a. Veteran's Family Day Event/Health Fair

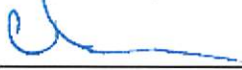
8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Original meeting date scheduled for November 5, 2024, coincides this year with Election Day. Board requested date change to November 6.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 7:00 p.m.

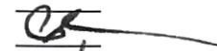
Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2024, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member Isabel Martin and seconded by Board Member Christopher Flynn.

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair
Ricardo 'Rich' Bautista, Vice Chair
Christopher Flynn, Secretary
Isabel Martin, Board Member
William Fitzgerald, Board Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 6th day of November 2024.



William 'Bill' Watts, Chair