



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
FINAL OFFICIAL MINUTES  
Miami-Dade Military Affairs Board**

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Miami, FL 33122

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**CLERKS SUMMARY OF MEETING AND OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD**  
**June 5, 2013**

The Military Affairs Board (MAB) convened in a meeting on June 5, 2013 at 5:48 p.m. at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building Corp., 8000 NW 21 Street, Miami, FL 33122.

The following voting Board members were present: Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman; Mario Alvarez; Anthony Atwood; David Blake; Antonio Colmenares, Raydel Cornelio; Town of Miami Lakes Councilman Timothy Daubert; Thomas Davis; Sergeant Eddy Fonseca, Jr.; Diana Gonzalez; Manuel Gonzalez; Colonel Morris Hatcher; Kevin Humes; Joseph Martory; Christopher Miller; and Keith Whitbeck.

The following voting Board members were absent: Mark Blumstein; Jorge Sibila; and Don Slesnick II.

The following non-voting Board members were present: Joanna Sandstrom; Shane Suzuki for "Paul Russo"; and Ed Haynes for "U.S. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson".

The following non-voting Board members were absent: Captain Mark Jackson; Charles Johnson; Chief Mater Sergeant Cameron Kirksey

The following Staff members were present: Jevé Clayton, MAB Interim Director; Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez; Gloria Garces, Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz' Office; and Deputy Clerk Alan Eisenberg.

The following guests were also present: Mr. Patrick Hopple, Assistant State Attorney; Sergeant Major Eric Geressy; Ms. Glorianne Amor, Deputy District Director for U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart; Mr. Rene Diaz, Office of Community Advocacy Director; and Officer Reuben McCoy, Miami-Dade Police Department.

**1. Welcome**

Chairman Diaz welcomed Board Members and guests to tonight's (6/5) Military Affairs Board (MAB) meeting.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Joseph Martory led the Military Affairs Board (MAB) in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. Board Member Roundtable

Chairman Diaz proceeded to ask Military Affairs Board (MAB) members to introduce themselves and to share any pertinent information about their organizations and any current programs of interest to board members. He asked MAB members to share information about recent Memorial Day events when that Agenda Item was presented later in the meeting. Chairman Diaz noted that guests would have the opportunity to address the Board later in the meeting.

Mr. Ed Haynes, representing U.S. Congresswoman Frederica Wilson, noted that representatives from Washington, D.C. would be available to discuss the impact of the federal budget sequestration on military budgets and other issues on Monday, June 10, 2013 at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Street Community Baptist Church.

Chairman Diaz requested that Mr. Haynes arrange for Congresswoman Wilson or another representative familiar with the federal budget to attend an upcoming MAB meeting to discuss the federal sequestration, noting he was advised by the Deputy Secretary of Defense that the sequestration would probably not end in November 2013.

Ms. Joanna Sandstrom introduced Mr. Patrick Hopple, Assistant State Attorney, who would serve as her alternate representative to this board.

Mr. Kevin Humes noted he would be meeting with foreign investors pertaining to veteran sub-contractor and employment opportunities.

Ms. Diana Gonzalez announced that she would be attending the Association of Defense Contractors (ADC) Conference in Washington, D.C., a national summit for the defense community and would report back on issues impacting the MAB. She also announced that a meeting of the Employment and Housing Committee would be scheduled in conjunction with the July MAB meeting.

Mr. Joseph Martory noted that the Stolen Valor Act of 2013 was signed into law by United States (U.S.) President Barack Obama which "makes it a Federal crime for an individual to fraudulently hold oneself out to be a recipient of any of several specified military decorations or medals with the intent to obtain money, property, or other tangible benefit." He said he recently attended a meeting of the National Cemetery Administration and would share information with Ms. Diana Gonzalez that would assist the MAB with efforts to upgrade Potters Field, the County Cemetery.

Mr. Anthony Atwood reminded MAB members that D-Day was June 6<sup>th</sup>; the largest and most successful amphibious landing in history. He noted the Military Museum would present an Army Week exhibit at the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) to commemorate the Army's accomplishments. Mr. Atwood announced that a seminar on the Vietnam and the Cold Wars would be presented at the West Dade Regional Library on June 20, 2013. He said a food distribution would be held at the Military

Museum on July 20, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and invited anyone interested in a tour of the new Museum during those hours.

Mr. Timothy Daubert announced that the Dade Delegation would be holding a Farm Share food giveaway at Hialeah Speedway on June 15, 2013 and volunteers were needed to help hand out food. He acknowledged the Veterans Administration Hospital for providing timely and exceptional care to an acquaintance that he could not receive at any other hospital.

Mr. Thomas Davis introduced Ms. Glorianne Amor, Deputy District Director for U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart.

Chairman Diaz commented that each member of the U.S. Congress and Senate representing Miami-Dade County had one representative to the MAB and proceeded to inquire whether Ms. Amor was Congressman Diaz-Balart's appointee.

Ms. Amor noted that she would follow-up with the Congressman as to whether she would be his appointee.

Mr. Davis noted that Ms. Debra Musgrove Zimmerman, District Chief of Staff for U.S. Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen was scheduled to attend tonight's (6/05) meeting; however, was delayed.

Mr. Davis informed the MAB that Chief Master Sergeant Cameron Kirksey was selected as Command Chief for the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command. He noted that Colonel Lindberg will leave his command on June 13, 2013; that Colonel Funk was the incoming commander; and that invitations to the change of command would be distributed.

Mr. Davis said the BRAC Committee had a productive meeting discussing discussed ways to assist military units located in this community.

Mr. Antonio Colmenares acknowledged Congresswoman Frederica Wilson for recognizing the American Red Cross, especially for the two veterans working for the Red Cross who received Congressional letters of appreciation. He noted City of Miami Mayor Thomas Regalado received a letter from the National League of Cities about an initiative that would bring additional resources into this community for homeless veterans; that Mayor Regalado asked him to lead this effort; and that a task force had been convened. Mr. Colmenares informed MAB members that there was a homeless veteran's office located at the American Legion Post 29 with a pantry and showers. He noted there were now 31 less veterans on the streets of Miami. Mr. Colmenares said there would be a 3 day stand-down targeting homeless veterans in mid-October. Mr. Colmenares announced the hiring of Mr. David Conley as the new Service to the Armed Forces (SAF) Manager. He noted Mrs. Rena Fraser, SAF Committee Chairperson, the wife of General Douglas Fraser, recently held a luncheon attended by 40 veteran women to address issues they faced. Mr. Colmenares announced that Ms. Jennifer Gilbertson

was the Red Cross' Outreach Specialist responsible for the transition and re-integration programs for soldiers leaving the military.

Chairman Diaz noted there were many programs in the community offering services for veterans. He said one of the MAB goals was to coordinate services in order to limit duplication of services, particularly with the limited availability of funds due to the federal sequestration. He said everyone needed to make a better effort to work together to ensure the interests of veterans were protected.

Mr. Timothy Daubert commented that placing links on the MAB website would assist in making this board become a one-stop shop for veterans looking for available services in this community.

Chairman Diaz responded that the County had professional resources available to develop the MAB website and the placement of appropriate links would become a priority of the new MAB Executive Director.

Sergeant Eddy Fonseca, Jr., acknowledged the Red Cross for providing funds to bring the father of a deceased U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal from Cuba to Miami to attend his son's funeral.

Chairman Diaz noted the importance of having Congressional representation on the MAB because it was part of their mandate to help and they had the ability to effectively cut through the red tape. He suggested a committee be charged with establishing a protocol for the MAB to use when working with other entities.

Mr. Keith Whitbeck noted that the grand reopening dedication celebration of Miami International Airport's (MIA) Military Hospitality Lounge, the Armed Forces Service Center (AFSC) would be scheduled toward the end of June and that all MAB members would be invited. He acknowledged MIA for contributing \$129,000 toward Lounge's renovations. Mr. Whitbeck said MIA would provide hors d'oeuvres and Bacardi USA was a sponsor and would provide beverages at the event.

Mr. Whitbeck said the 841<sup>st</sup> Engineers Battalion was having a change of command on June 8, 2013 and requested participation. He noted the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs luncheon would be held on June 13, 2013.

Mr. Whitbeck acknowledged the Veterans Administration hospital for the exceptional care he received when admitted to the hospital and for saving his life.

Mr. Manuel Gonzalez noted that the United Service Organization (USO) was advising soldiers that the AFSC was open 24/7; however, that was not the case.

Mr. Whitbeck responded that efforts were underway to adopt a 24/7 schedule. He noted that the purpose of the grand reopening celebration was to acquire additional sponsors to support the AFSC and proceeded to ask MAB members to identify potential sponsors.

In response to Chairman Diaz' question about the number served by the AFSC, Mr. Whitbeck responded that the AFSC served over 2,000 people in June 2010 and had the potential to serve many more. He commented that military members from the United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) and other military units could also use the facility.

Mr. Whitbeck proceeded to comment that drifter's with Veterans Administration identification and other homeless people often visit the AFSC; however, they were not permitted by the USO unless disabled or had a medical condition and Department of Defense card.

Chairman Diaz noted that the AFSC was a lounge for military use and that anyone with a Veterans Administration card was considered prior military.

Mr. Whitbeck said the by-laws would need to be changed to accept prior military members.

Chairman Diaz requested that Mr. Whitbeck begin the process of initiating a by-laws change; noting that the AFSC existed to serve both members of the military and veterans. He pointed out that the USO did not provide sufficient financial support for the AFSC in prior years; that Mr. Whitbeck kept it open with his personal finances; and that this needed to change.

Mr. Whitbeck commented that he would be able to obtain funding for the AFSC.

Chairman Diaz announced that Mr. Emilio Gonzalez was the new Aviation Department Director at MIA; that he was a retired Colonel; and that he was committed to the AFSC as well as to the Wall of Heroes'.

Sergeant Major Eric Geressy noted MIA's Wall of Heroes' would list the names of local service members who were killed in action. He said the wall was designed by Dr. Yolanda Sanchez, MIA Fine Arts and Cultural Affairs Director. Sergeant Major Geressy noted the Army Birthday Ball would be held at the Hard Rock Hotel on June 15, 2013. He proceeded to introduce Colonel Morris Hatcher, the new SOUTHCOM Commandant.

Colonel Morris Hatcher, SOUTHCOM Commandant noted concern that it was difficult for veterans' spouses to find employment in South Florida.

Chairman Diaz pointed out that veterans' family issues were among the goals of the MAB and that his concern would be addressed by the appropriate committee. He commented that a recent luncheon was held in the Doral area for women in the military.

Mr. Kevin Humes noted he would contact the Department of Economic Opportunity regarding Colonel Hatcher's concern.

Mr. Shane Suzuki commented that the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Veterans Administration (VA) recently released 145 vouchers for Miami-Dade and Broward Counties. He noted the VA successfully assisted approximately 2,500 veterans from living on the streets of South Florida over the past five years. Mr. Suzuki said the VA's new operating suite was now open and considered the finest surgical suite in Miami. He noted no clinics were currently scheduled to close as a result of Tropical Storm Andrea; however, he encouraged patients to reschedule their appointments if they did not feel it was safe to drive.

Chairman Diaz pointed out that he communicated with the South Florida Water Management District and encouraged them to reduce the water levels in South Florida canals to minimize the potential for flooding.

Mr. Mario Alvarez noted that after visiting several job fairs in this community he observed that the majority of exhibitors were educational institutions recruiting students and not employers. He said it was misleading to promote veteran employment at these events and asked the MAB to have organizations sponsoring future events to present their plans and a list of participating employers before the event.

Mr. Humes explained that institutions of higher learning were needed to help these non-profit 501(c) (3) organizations reach their in-kind match for federal funding.

Mr. Cornelio commented that he was quoted a \$500 charge for the Little Warrior Project to participate at a job fair.

Ms. Diana Gonzalez noted concern that the Miami Defense Alliance (MDA) recently held a resource center event designed to provide veterans with access to educational institutions, employers and other service organizations with little veteran turnout despite advertisements and other recruitment efforts.

Chairman Diaz said golden opportunities were being missed and the issue was communication.

Colonel Hatcher noted part of the problem was that so many people were trying to do good things for veterans; however, veterans stopped attending job fairs because they realized that no one was really hiring at those events.

Ms. Gonzalez commented that the MDA decided to hold the resource center event because of limited success at last year's job fair. She noted national corporations were making big commitments to First Lady Michelle Obama's programs and she found it difficult to communicate the message that local affiliates of these national corporations should hire veterans.

Mr. Timothy Daubert suggested that Ms. Millie Herrera from the United States Department of Labor be asked to provide assistance.

Chairman Diaz said the MAB needed to become the umbrella organization that would coordinate efforts on behalf of veterans. He noted the MAB should only deal with organizations that provided a direct benefit or a service to veterans as opposed to those who tried to make money off of them.

Colonel Hatcher said organizations should be asked to provide actual statistics of hiring practices rather than just a strategic view when requesting MAB sponsorships.

Chairman Diaz said he would support the MAB's sponsorship of two job related events per year, noting that veterans' spouses should also be included.

Ms. Gonzalez said the South Florida Workforce had a specialist that assisted only military spouses.

Chairman Diaz noted he would ask representatives of the South Florida Workforce to meet with him and provide information on their veterans' programs.

Mr. Kevin Humes said the MAB could request the assistance of the State of Florida Office of Economic Opportunity. He commented that the Society of Human Resources Managers was responsible for the hiring of employees for major companies at the local level.

Ms. Gonzalez noted the MDA could obtain grant funds to coordinate a veteran's job fair for the MAB. She said she wanted this event to be a successful fair with both veteran and employer participation.

Chairman Diaz said that Miami-Dade County could prepare Public Service Announcements (PSA) and he had contacts with Comcast and other media related organizations. He noted the VA had the largest database of local veterans.

Mr. Suzuki responded that the VA Hospital had a database; however, noted that its patients were not necessarily those who were looking for employment. He said it was important to assure veterans that they would receive value and get something out of their time attending a job fair.

Mr. Davis commented that over 400,000 people attended a Homestead Air Force Base airshow advertised through a 12 word announcement with 1 billion impressions at a minimal cost.

Mr. Whitbeck said companies who were bidding on contracts at MIA often approached him at the AFSC to hire veterans. He said there were people anxious to hire veterans; however, a clearing house was needed.

Ms. Gonzalez recommended that these issues be discussed at the next Employment and Housing Committee meeting.

Chairman Diaz noted there was no reason that the MAB could not promote a successful job fair event with the expertise sitting in this room. He said you do not call a mission that you know would fail. Chairman Diaz suggested the Employment and Housing Committee proceed to organize a successful event. He said the United States, Southcom as well as other local military outlets had tremendous influence to promote attendance. Chairman Diaz noted the purpose was to help veterans and not use them for personal gain.

Mr. Ed Haynes commented that Congresswoman Frederica Wilson previously sponsored a job fair at the James L. Knight Convention Center where 9,000 people attended. He said they discovered that companies with jobs were having problems reaching those needing jobs. Mr. Haynes noted Congresswoman Wilson began collecting job information and posting those positions on her website. He suggested a job clearing house be established to collect information on available jobs and that this information be entered into a database and posted on a website.

Chairman Diaz asked Ms. Gonzalez to address this issue further at the next Employment and Housing Committee meeting. He said he would coordinate a meeting with the local chamber of commerce's to also discuss these concerns.

#### **4. Old Business**

- **Memorial Day Events**

Chairman Diaz noted he hoped to see the Special Events Committee work with local municipalities, organizations and individuals to coordinate the scheduling of events in order to enhance participation in the numerous Memorial Day celebrations held throughout this community.

Mr. Daubert acknowledged City of Hialeah Mayor Carlos Hernandez, the City Council and the Hialeah Veteran's Affairs Board for honoring World War II veteran, Anthony V. Watson, by naming Palm Avenue at the intersection of West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street "Anthony V. Watson Way."

Chairman Diaz asked Ms. Gloria Garces to prepare a letter on behalf of the MAB thanking Mayor Hernandez and the City of Hialeah for the recognition bestowed upon Anthony Watson.

Chairman Diaz encouraged MAB members to place new items on the MAB meeting agenda for discussion, noting that all suggestions would be voted upon by the board utilizing parliamentary procedures before proceeding.

Colonel Morris Hatcher pointed out that General John F. Kelly was the new Commander at the United States (U.S.) Southcom and that he communicated that that it was difficult to find a coordinated listing of Memorial Day events in the community.

Chairman Diaz reiterated his desire that the MAB obtained a listing of all Memorial Day events held in this community and that this information be promoted by the Miami Herald at least one week prior.

Mr. Mario Alvarez commented that the U.S. Southcom always had a list of approximately 21 Memorial Day events.

Colonel Hatcher responded that the list requesting military participation at these Memorial Day events was distributed across the command; however, noted that there were many filters that prevented information from getting to certain command levels and that other methods of communication were needed.

Dr. Cornelio noted that based upon statistics; there was less than a 3 percent response rate received from marketing and other promotion efforts.

Mr. Haynes commented on the Armed Forces Day event with the Tuskegee Airmen, noting that Congresswoman Frederica Wilson acknowledged and added 100 veterans to the Congressional Record during this event.

Chairman Diaz pointed out that Congresswoman Wilson was an avid supporter of the military. He said he believed that her Congressional colleagues would begin becoming active on the MAB largely as a result of Mr. Ed Haynes involvement. Chairman Diaz noted there was no reason that the MAB could not participate in these various Memorial Day events and make them as special for whoever was being glorified for what they did for others. He said organization and communication was the key to ensuring future events were scheduled appropriately and without potential time conflicts.

## **5. New Business**

### **• Veteran's Day Parade Update**

Chairman Diaz noted he met with Mr. Bob Levy who initially proposed the Veteran's Day Parade to welcome back Vietnam and Bay of Pigs veterans as well as all other military veterans who were not previously recognized. He said the parade would be held on Saturday, November 9, 2013. Chairman Diaz noted the parade was about the people who served this country and was not intended to be political or about the wars.

Chairman Diaz noted all MAB members needed to be involved in this effort. He commented that Mr. Antonio Colmenares had a large number of Red Cross participation; that Mr. Thomas Davis was coordinating aerial flyovers with the Air Force, Coast Guard and Miami-Dade County. Chairman Diaz noted he needed the full support of local United States (U.S.) Congressional Representatives and Senators. He said Comcast, the History Channel, the Military Channel and Univision had expressed interest in covering the event and Telemundo and other major networks would be approached as well.

Chairman Diaz noted the Veterans Administration (VA) needed to be involved. He said extensive security was needed and he was working with the police union to contain costs.

Chairman Diaz noted the MAB would be the command structure. He said every city would be involved and encouraged to participate. Chairman Diaz commented that the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (MDCPS) was committed and would provide as many bands as needed. He noted City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado and Miami-Dade County Mayor Carlos Gimenez were both fully supportive.

Chairman Diaz presented a preliminary event overview listing key elements that needed to be addressed. He said the parade would start on Flagler Street under the I-95 overpass and travel along Flagler Street to Bayfront Park. Chairman Diaz noted a stage would be set up at a cost of up to \$50,000 for a concert featuring a major country musician as well as other groups from the 1960's era.

Dr. Raydel Cornelio inquired about the permit process that would be necessary for this event.

Chairman Diaz responded that the respective city where the event would be held was responsible for issuing permits.

Dr. Cornelio noted he had a draft flyer for the event. He said representatives from the South Florida Country Music Festival offered to donate bands to play at no cost.

Chairman Diaz pointed out that it was his intention to attract named musical artists.

Mr. Suzuki noted there were approximately 180,000 veterans in South Florida.

Chairman Diaz commented that he hoped to attract at least 50,000 people.

Mr. Colmenares noted concern that the event was scheduled on a holiday weekend.

Chairman Diaz responded that several date options were considered and the date could not be changed.

Dr. Cornelio informed the MAB he had prepared a preliminary proposal did needed to insert budget information and specific event times.

Chairman Diaz indicated that he directed Ms. Gloria Garces to prepare a preliminary list of event details. He noted that several potential prominent sponsors were identified. Chairman Diaz said there was no turning back and this event would proceed as scheduled.

Chairman Diaz explained that the parade would begin at around 10:00 a.m. and should last no longer than an hour and a half, depending upon the number of participants. He noted the concert would be held at the completion of the parade and food vendors would

need to be secured. Chairman Diaz said the timeline needed to be coordinated with the MDCPS and other participating governmental organizations. He commented that meetings were being scheduled with the Police Benevolent Association (PBA) and the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), noting that the City of Miami had a law preventing other police agencies from working within the city. Chairman Diaz noted that federal authorities including the Department of Homeland Security would need to be included in the discussions. He commented that he did not perceive any issues with the City of Miami or the Miami-Dade County Fire Departments.

Chairman Diaz reiterated that every MAB member must participate and that all suggestions would be considered. He pointed out that U.S. Southcom was a vital component to the parade's success; that people loved seeing military assets and soldiers in uniform; and that he believed the community would celebrate the pride of our country. Chairman Diaz said he was actively working to raise funds and that the target budget was between \$250,000 and \$500,000; however, he noted this type of event should cost approximately \$1 million.

Sergeant Major Eric Geressy explained that the U.S. Congress passed a resolution to recognize Vietnam veterans and that the Secretary of Defense was disseminating information as to what other communities were doing. He recommended that two MAB members be assigned to work on one of the specific task elements listed on the event overview based upon their expertise. Sergeant Major Geressy said he thought that it would require MAB members worked together on these items at times other than during scheduled MAB meetings and questioned whether this process would be allowed considering the Sunshine requirements.

Chairman Diaz commented that he believed these discussions would not be considered in the Sunshine since the MAB had already voted to proceed with the event.

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez commented that the Sunshine Law would apply to these discussions because two people were coming together to make individual decisions about the parade that ultimately would be presented to the MAB for final approval.

Chairman Diaz asked Assistant County Attorney Sanchez to develop a solution that would legally allow tasks to be assigned to individuals.

Sergeant Major Geressy inquired whether MAB could inform the MAB Director of their discussions with a copy sent to all MAB members.

Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez responded that Sergeant Major Geressy's suggestion would not be sufficient. He noted it was easy to set up a Sunshine meeting with the Clerk of the Board advertising those meetings; that it could be an ongoing weekly meeting; and that just because the meeting was advertised did not mean it must be held.

Dr. Cornelio noted many of the event details were already considered in his proposal. He said he would compile a report to submit to the MAB.

Chairman Diaz scheduled a Special MAB meeting to further discuss the Veteran's Day Parade on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building Corp. He noted the MAB needed to work with federal partners to develop lists of people to be informed about the parade. Chairman Diaz pointed out that all contributions would be deposited into the County's Trust Fund; that donations would be considered a taxable deductible item; and that a using a 501(c)(3) was not necessary.

Mr. Joseph Martory inquired how much advance notice would be provided.

Chairman Diaz responded that groups needed to be informed immediately so they could at least put the event on their calendars.

Mr. Kevin Humes suggested that events of this nature required four to six months' notice.

Chairman Diaz commented that media notifications were usually distributed approximately three weeks prior to an event.

- **Military Affairs Board Coin**

Chairman Diaz distributed preliminary renditions of a MAB Coin, noting it was designed by an intern in his office. He noted that one side contained a United States flag, the official logos of the five branches of military service, and the inscription "Standing Up For Those Who Stood and Stand for Us." Chairman Diaz said the opposite side would have the County Seal with or without the U.S flag in the background and the inscription "Miami-Dade County Commission Military Affairs Board." He noted the best size for the coin would be 1.5 inches in diameter.

It was the consensus of the MAB members that the proposed inscription was too wordy.

A hand count vote was taken by the MAB members on the two proposed options for the MAB Coin, resulting in what appeared to be a tie vote.

Mr. Timothy Daubert recommended removing the U.S. flag from the side which contained the military branch logos and making that background a solid color such as gold.

A voice vote was taken on the change recommended by Mr. Daubert with one dissenting vote.

Mr. Kevin Humes noted the color of the wording would need to be changed from gold to another color if the background was going to be gold.

Discussion pursued as to the wording and a decision made that it would read as follows: "Supporting Those Who Served." The wording for the other side would remain as previously proposed, "Miami-Dade County Commission Military Affairs Board;" with the U.S. flag in the background and the County seal made smaller.

Upon a voice vote, the MAB approved the coin with the noted changes.

- **Advisory Group**

Chairman Diaz noted there were a large number of retired generals and top military brass that were influential people with the ability to make things happen in this community. He said he was establishing a Chairman's advisory group to provide him with input on issues. Chairman Diaz noted this structure would be exempt from the Sunshine requirements. He noted the group would include General Frasier, General Hill, Bob Levy and anyone else that MAB members considered would be beneficial.

Mr. Timothy Daubert suggested Captain Grant from the United States Coast Guard be included.

- **Volunteer Groups**

Chairman Diaz commented that he was contacted by Ms. Karen Hill, whose son was killed in war, wanting to volunteer her time to MAB efforts. He suggested that Ms. Hill could help replicate the services previously performed by Mr. George Bush to keep military families informed about events happening in this community. Chairman Diaz acknowledged Ms. Gloria Garces and her daughter Sophie for maintaining the veteran database and Mr. Keith Whitbeck for helping disseminate information. He said he would obtain Mr. Bush's assistance to provide Ms. Hill with training to keep his program running strong.

Chairman Diaz noted this would be an unofficial committee and based upon its success a determination would be made in the future as to whether it should become a permanent committee. He said the MAB would be updated as to the status of these efforts and would be included in the decision making process.

Mr. Timothy Daubert noted efforts should be made to involve Ms. Mattie Husak from the United States (U.S.) Southcom.

Chairman Diaz pointed out the importance of working closely with the U.S. Southcom in order to receive timely up-front information.

- **Other Items**

Mr. Keith Whitbeck commented that a cruise was being organized for Gold Star Mothers in February 2014 and more information would be forthcoming.

Mr. Whitbeck noted the Miami International Airport was initially featured in a six show series on the Travel Chanel and twelve additional episodes were currently ongoing based upon the shows positive ratings.

Mr. Timothy Daubert noted the United States (U.S.) Southcom would have a change in command on July 21, 2013.

Chairman Diaz asked Colonel Morris Hatcher to provide the appropriate notification to Mr. Jeve Clayton as to who would be allowed to attend this event.

#### **6. Sub-Committee Reports**

Chairman Diaz noted the importance that MAB members attend MAB meetings and Sub-Committee meetings. He pointed out that certain members had not attended the last four MAB meetings; that he would ask the County Attorney the proper procedure to remove them from this board; and that he would ask the appropriate county commissioner to appoint a new member. Chairman Diaz said that if a member missed a meeting he/she should attend the following meeting and that it would be better for the member to send a representative if he/she could not attend the scheduled meeting, although this was not encouraged.

Mr. Jeve Clayton asked MAB sub-committee chairpersons to email him information about their committee meeting dates so that appropriate notifications could be made. He also asked MAB members to inform him if they were not aware of their current committee assignments or wanted to serve on an additional committee.

Mr. Clayton pointed out that Financial Disclosure Forms must be completed by all MAB members appointed by an elected official, pursuant to State law and County ordinance by July 1, 2013. He said the form could be completed either online or by hand and mailed.

In response to Mr. Timothy Daubert's question about whether multiple disclosure forms would be required for a MAB member who served on multiple committees or held public office, Assistant County Attorney Gerald Sanchez said he would communicate with the Commission on Ethics and Public Trust Executive Director to clarify this issue and provide this information to members.

Chairman Diaz noted that federal officials and the State Attorney were not voting MAB members and served in an advisory capacity; therefore, they would not be required to complete the financial disclosures. He said that the only MAB members needing to complete the forms were those members who were appointed by a county commissioner.

Assistant County Attorney Sanchez noted he believed that federal officials did not need to complete the disclosures and that he would also confirm this information.

Mr. Clayton noted MAB members were required to complete a one-hour ethics training course which would be scheduled within the next two months.

Assistant County Attorney Sanchez noted in response to Mr. Anthony Colmenares' question that he would also inquire whether members needed to complete the ethics training one time or annually as well as whether they would need to retake the course for this committee if already taken for another.

Mr. Clayton noted he met with representatives of the Community Information and Outreach (CIAO) Department regarding MAB information outreach and website issues. He said the MAB calendar was being updated to accept the posting of events and that this information would be accessible to anyone visiting the board's website. He noted discussions about website updates designed to categorize links to community events were also in progress.

Chairman Diaz asked Mr. Clayton to communicate with CIAO Department representatives about developing a MAB logo, in response to Mr. Daubert's inquiry, noting that the coin that was approved at today's (6/05) meeting could be used.

Chairman Diaz introduced Mr. Rene Diaz, Office of Community Advocacy Director and acknowledged him for his assistance to the MAB.

Mr. Clayton requested that MAB voting and non-voting members provide him with updated contact information so that they could be notified of future meetings in a timely manner and to provide the Clerk of the Board with current data.

Dr. Raydel Cornelio informed MAB members that the First Annual Paintball Showdown Charity Event would be held on Saturday, August 17, 2013. He noted that it would accommodate 100 participants. Dr. Cornelio said a portion of the event's proceeds would be donated to the charity selected by the winning team.

Chairman Diaz noted this would be a competition between police, fire and the local military units.

## 7. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Whitbeck acknowledged Mr. Alan Eisenberg with the Clerk of the Courts, Clerk of the Board's office for the detailed and thoroughly prepared minutes from the April 10, 2013 MAB meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Keith Whitbeck that the April 10, 2013 Military Affairs Board Minutes be approved as corrected; to change Mr. Ed Harris to Mr. Ed Haynes. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Davis and upon being put to a vote, passed by a unanimous vote.

**8. Guest Announcements**

Mr. Rene Diaz, Office of Community Advocacy Director offered 230 Goodwill Ambassadors to the MAB for use at the Veteran's Day Parade.

Officer Reuben McCoy noted he was appointed by Director J D Patterson, Jr. to be the Miami-Dade Police Department's representative to the MAB.

Ms. Glorianne Amor, Deputy District Director for U.S. Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart introduced herself.

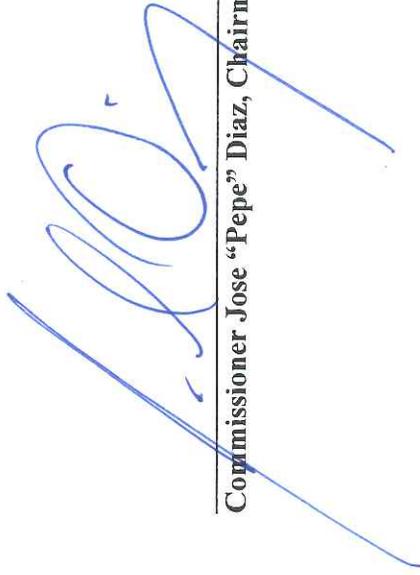
**9. Next Meeting Date**

Mr. Clayton reminded MAB members that the meeting to discuss the Veteran's Day Parade would be held on June 13, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Jev Clayton said the next MAB meeting would be held on Wednesday, July 10, at 5:30 p.m. at a location that would be announced.

**10. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Military Affairs Board meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.



Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman



Military Affairs Board  
June 5, 2013

Prepared by: Alan Eisenberg

EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	6/05		Meeting Agenda
2	6/5		Military Affairs Board Coin Renditions
3	6/05		Vietnam Veteran's "Welcome Back" Parade Event Overview
4	6/05		First Annual Paintball Showdown Charity Event Information
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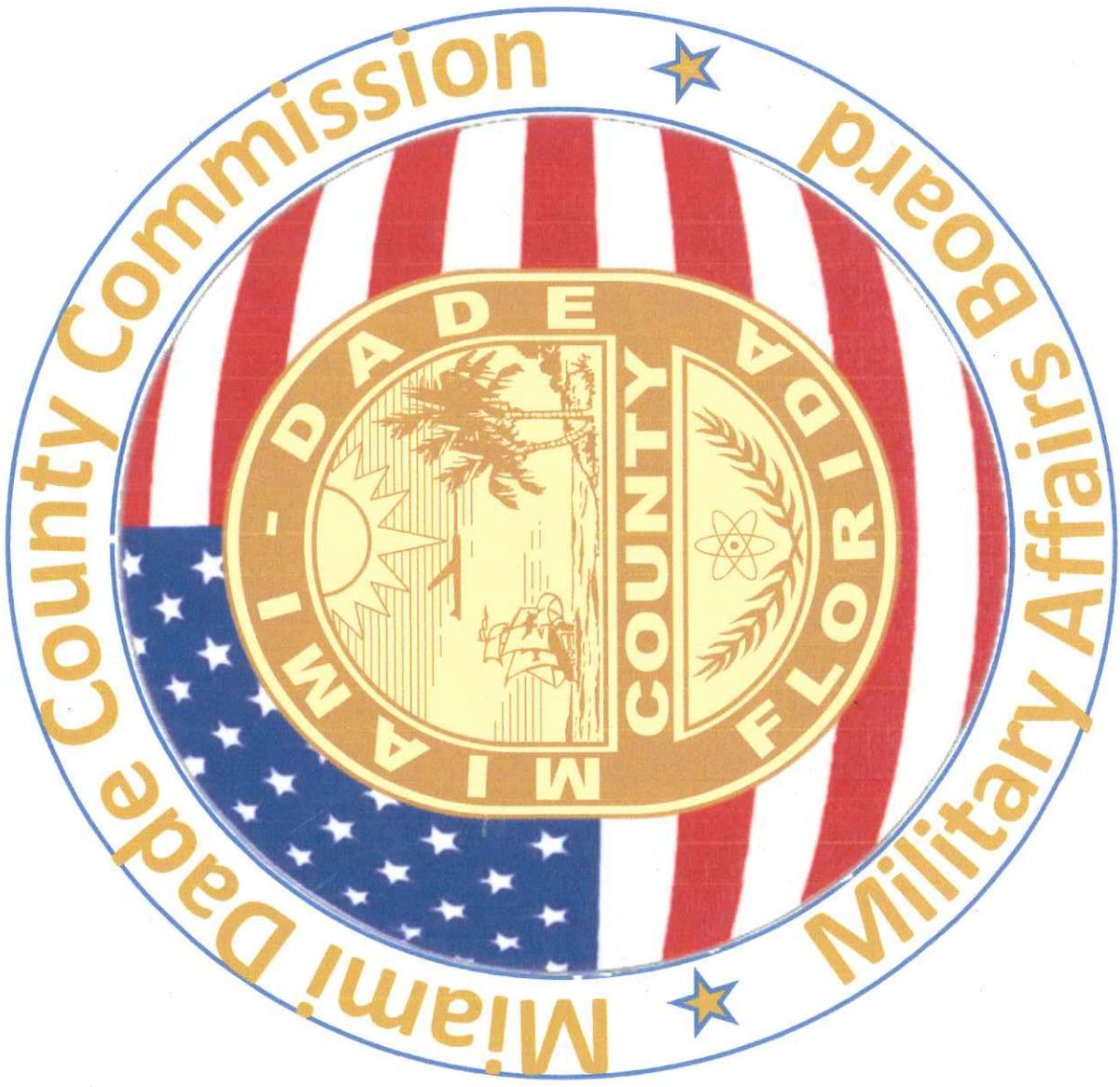
**Miami-Dade County Military Affairs Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**Fire Fighters Memorial Building Corp.,  
8000 NW 21 Street, Miami, FL 33122  
5:30 p.m.**

**Meeting Agenda**

- **Welcome**
- **Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance**
- **Board Member Roundtable**
- **Old Business**
  - Memorial Day Events
- **New Business**
  - Veteran's Day Parade Update
- **Sub-Committee Reports**
- **Board Director Report**
  - Financial Disclosure Forms
- **Approval of Minutes (April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013)**
- **Next meeting date**
- **Discussion Items for the next agenda**
- **Adjournment**



Obverse – Option 1



Obverse – Option 2



Reverse



**MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD**  
**Vietnam Veterans "Welcome Back" Parade**  
**EVENT OVERVIEW**

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**DAY:** November 9<sup>th</sup>

**START TIME:** TBD

**PLACE:** Starting on Flagler St under the I-95 overpass towards Bayfront Park where the Concert will take place.

**PURPOSE:** This parade is to be part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations happening around the US for the next 13 years, as per Presidential Proclamation. The purpose is to give the Vietnam Veterans a proper "welcome" and recognition for their service.

**ENTITY:** The entity that is supporting this effort is the Military Affairs Board of Miami-Dade County chaired by Commissioner Diaz

**ELEMENTS:**

- **LOGISTICS:** Venue, Security, Police/Fire, Waste Management, Traffic/Parking, Set-Up, Permit Processing, Line of March, Portable Toilets
- **SPONSORSHIPS:** Sponsorship Packages Creation & Design, Commit Sponsors, Fulfillment
- **PARADE PARTICIPANTS:** School Bands, Dancers, Vehicles, Horses, Floats, Military Assets, Out-Walkers, Rehearsals.
- **CONCERT:** Venue, talent contracting & management, program, lighting, sound, set design.
- **VENDORS:** Contract vendors, sell & manage "vendor spots"
- **MARKETING/PROMOTION:** Promotional Materials, Mktg campaign
- **PROTOCOL:** Travel Arrangements, VIP relations, Proclamation processing
- **MEDIA/COMMUNICATIONS:** Servicing Releases, Media Relations, Interview Coordination, Media Tent.
- **BUDGET/TREASURER:** Create & Manage Budget, Make payments, maintain accounts
- **VOLUNTEERS:** Draft and coordinate volunteers.
- **LEGAL:** Releases, Safety & Legality Information, Contracts, Insurance & hold Harmless requirements
- **EXECUTIVE COORDINATION:** Overall coordination, Liaison with City of Miami and Miami-Dade County and all Military branches.

First Annual

# PAINTBALL SHOWDOWN

Charity Event

WHEN:

AUGUST 17, 2013

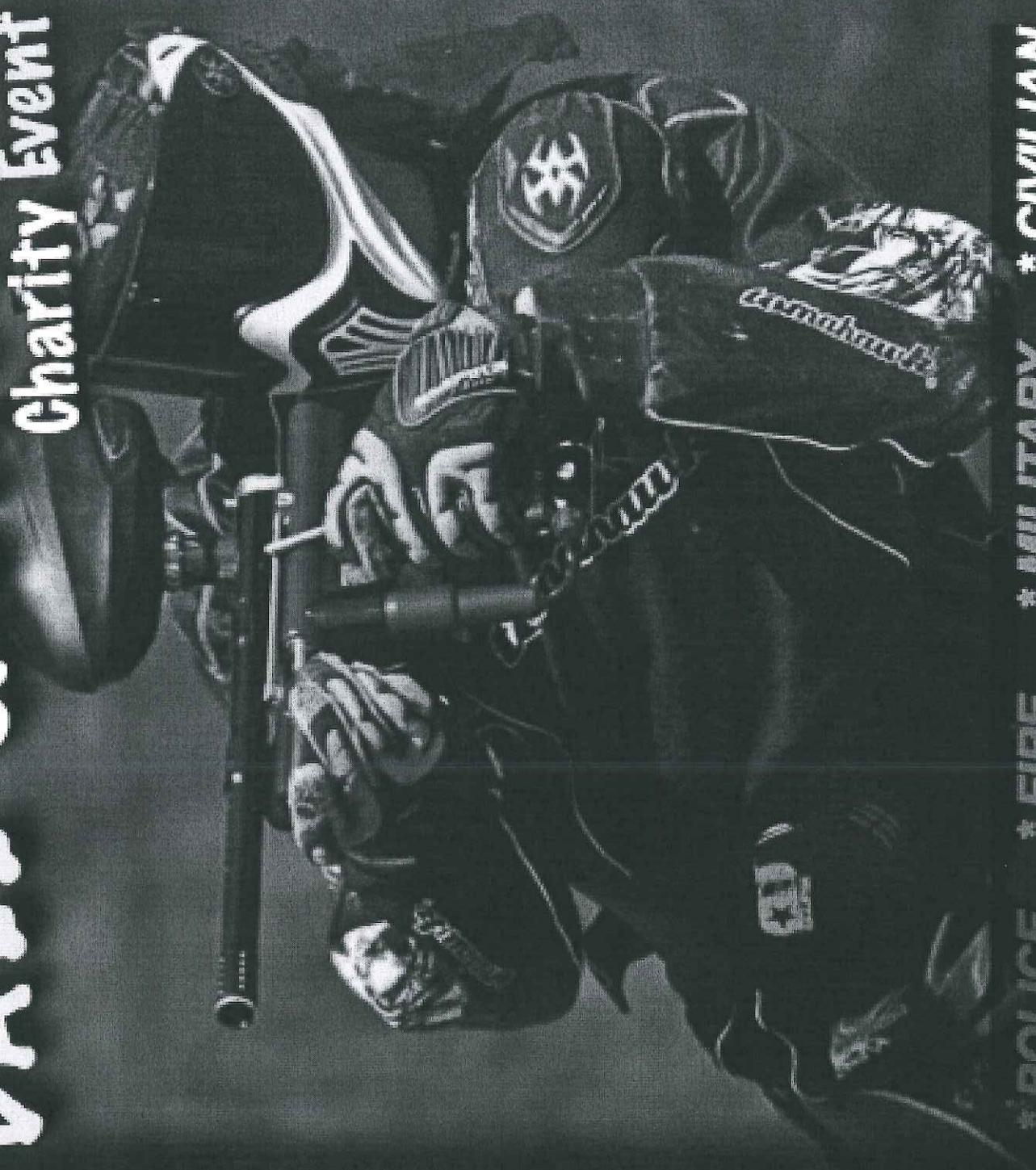
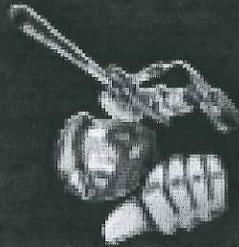
TIME:

9:00 AM- 5:00 PM

WHERE:

26851 SW New York Ave

Homestead, FL 33032



\*POLICE

\*FIRE

\*MILITARY

\*CIVILIAN

**On Saturday, August 17, 2012, at the the Family Paintball Center in Miami, FL,** the Miami Dade Military Affairs Board, Little Warrior Project and Miami Dade Police Department will be hosting their annual "Paintball Showdown" charity event.

I personally wanted to let you be one of the first to know that we are seeking vendors for this charity event. I feel that with your help, our initiative and everyone's willingness to make South Florida a better place to live, we can improve the lives of military children and contribute a portion of the proceeds to the winning team' charity of choice.

The **"Paintball Showdown"** is tournament style paintball charity event and consist of 4 categories:

1. Police
2. Fire Fighters
3. Military
4. Civilian

#### **Event Entertainment**

- Live Music!
- Food Trucks!
- Raffles & Giveaways!
- Family & Kids Fun Area!
- & Much More!!!

**Admission and family activities are FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC however, there is a \$ 5 (per car) charge for parking.**

Join us, and tell every one you know to come out and cheer on their family & friends!

#### **EARLY VENDOR PACKAGES**

<b>Basic Package:</b>	Tent (includes 1 table and 2 chairs)
<b>Preferred Package:</b>	Flyers, social media promotion & tent
<b>Premium Package:</b>	"Sponsored By" acknowledgement on announcements and banners, logo on promotional t-shirts, flyers, & premium location for tent

For more information or to secure a vendor spot please feel free to contact us or visit [www.LWPKids.com](http://www.LWPKids.com).



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