



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

Fire Fighters Memorial Building Corp.  
8000 NW 21 Street  
Miami, FL 33122

December 2, 2015  
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**CLERK'S SUMMARY AND OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**MILITARY AFFAIRS BOARD**  
**December 2, 2015**

The Military Affairs Board (MAB) convened in a meeting on Tuesday, December 2, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Fighters Memorial Building, 8000 NW 21 Street, Doral, FL 33122.

The following voting Board members were present: Chairman Jose 'Pepe' Diaz; Dr. Anthony Atwood; Mr. David Blake; Town of Miami Lakes Vice Mayor Timothy Daubert; Mr. Thomas Davis; Mr. Charles Johnson; Mr. Sergei Michael Kowalchik; Mr. Eduardo Lombard; and Ms. Donna Masson.

Ms. Michelle Mason on behalf of Mr. Alex Acosta arrived at 6:36 p.m.

The following voting Board members were absent: Mr. Mario Alvarez; Mr. Mark Blumstein; Mr. Manuel Gonzalez; Mr. Kevin Humes; Mr. Phil Lyons; Mr. Joseph Martory; and Retired Lieutenant (Lt.) Colonel Jorge Sibila.

The following non-voting Board members were present: Captain Benjamin Davis; Colonel Elwin Rozyskie; and Mr. Paul Russo.

The following non-voting Board members were absent: Ms. Glorianne Amor; Captain Peter Vach; Colonel Lisa Garcia; Mr. Ed Haynes; Ms. Leandra McCommas; Officer Victor Milian; Ms. Leandra Padron; City of Doral Vice Mayor Sandra Ruiz; Ms. Joanna Sandstrom; Gunnery Sergeant Jeremiah Scott; Lt. Colonel Son Vo; and Ms. Debbie Zimmerman.

The following staff members were present: Mr. Gustavo Cruz, MAB Director; Assistant County Attorney Miguel Gonzalez; Mr. Bayardo Medrano, Commission Auditor's Office; and Deputy Clerk Alan Eisenberg.

In addition to the above, the following guests were present: Mr. Angel Figueroa, Veteran Service Office, Miami-Dade County; Ms. Priscilla Dames, Wingspan Seminars; Mr. Eddie Gloria, Camillus House; and Mr. Kirk Huff, HARB CE.

**Welcome**

Chairman Diaz called the MAB meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. and welcomed members and guests.

**❖ Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance**

Dr. Anthony Atwood led the MAB in a moment of silence followed by Town of Miami Lakes Vice Mayor Timothy Daubert in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ❖ Board Member Roundtable

Colonel Elwin Rozyskie, representing the Homestead Air Reserve Base (HARB), reported that Colonel Smith was transferred to Hill Air Force Base; that a successful Guard and Reserve Commissary sale was held; that the Employer Support of Guard and Reserve partners with business organizations to provide job opportunities and resume writing assistance and three people were hired during the first day of the program. He indicated that a New Year's Eve celebration would be held at the HARB Club; that two squadron members attended a Red Flag Instructors program; that three squadron members completed a two-week management course on aerial port operations. Colonel Rozyskie noted the Communications Squadron completed a hardening system for the command and control system for radio communications making it more difficult if not impossible to intercept. He reported that HARB was one of the few bases having a complete computer system on one spine with backup. Colonel Rozyskie mentioned there were Makos flyovers at the Veterans Day Parade and the NASCAR race; that Colonel Shelly Frank sang the National Anthem at a Miami Heat game; and that Major Brook Cortez was now stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. He announced that he was at the mandatory retirement age and invited everyone to his celebration on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

Mr. Sergei Michael Kowalchik, representing District 7, reported on the recent Key Biscayne Veterans Day event.

Captain Benjamin Davis, representing the United States Coast Guard Base Miami Beach, commented on the Coast Guards participation in Veterans Day events; including, their partnering with the Miami Heat to prepare two veterans homes. He indicated that four individuals were apprehended and \$17 million in cocaine was confiscated.

Ms. Donna Masson, representing Military Miami-Dade, a program of the Beacon Council, reported that pursuant to the Florida Defense Alliance, the military generated a \$5.5 billion economic impact to Miami-Dade County in 2015, representing a \$475 million increase from 2013. She also reported an additional 3,300 jobs created, a \$196 million increase in defense spending, and a 4 percent increase in average salaries.

Mr. Tom Davis, representing District 8, spoke about the Veterans Day Parade held in Homestead, noting Commissioner Danielle Levine Cava's participation. He acknowledged Mr. Paul Russo from the Miami Veteran's Administration Healthcare System (VA) for his assistance in securing approval for an 18,500 square foot standalone medical clinic located outside the HARB gates, noting it was designed to serve veterans from Marathon to Southern Miami-Dade County.

Mr. Russo noted efforts to obtain funding for the medical clinic were currently in the strategic capital asset process in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Davis pointed out that identifying and securing an appropriate property was easiest component of the initiative.

Mr. Russo indicated that there would be access/egress issues which needed to be considered once a site was selected.

Chairman Diaz stated that the County was willing to assist in whatever manner necessary to secure a site as well as to obtain the support of the Miami-Dade County Legislative Delegation members.

Mr. Davis noted the Homestead Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee was engaged in a letter writing campaign to request the support of elected officials to which Chairman Diaz cautioned that this effort needed to be carefully orchestrated as it could produce undesirable results.

Mr. Russo stated that the Miami VA was one of the few hospitals asked to submit a funding request and was therefore hopeful that the money would be allocated and site issues would be dealt with later.

Town of Miami Lakes (Miami Lakes) Vice Mayor Timothy Daubert, representing District 13, announced Miami Lakes' upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration being held Saturday, December 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Park West. He said that former Miami Dolphin Tony Nathan would be signing books at Shula's Hotel along with a preview of his movie, Woodlawn. Mr. Daubert acknowledged Mr. Gustavo Cruz for his extraordinary efforts related to the recent Veterans Day parade.

Dr. Anthony Atwood, representing District 9, reported that the future Military Museum and Memorial hosted two concerts presented by the 13<sup>th</sup> Army Band with approximately 400 people in attendance. He noted the concerts were held on the lawn since the building was still not open for use after Governor Scott vetoed \$461 million in projects, including the Museum. Dr. Atwood said funding would be requested once again in the upcoming legislative session.

Chairman Diaz assured Dr. Atwood that efforts would be undertaken to support this legislation.

Mr. Eduardo Lombard, representing District 11, reported that the PFC. Bruce W. Carter Young Marines held an overnight event at the Miami-Dade Police Department's secure training facility. He presented Mr. Gustavo Cruz with a copy of program requirement criteria and parent approval process. Mr. Lombard said the Young Marines were invited to participate in the Spartan Race, noting the event was held at Vista Park in Davie, FL. He presented Mr. Cruz with a birthday card signed by MAB members. Mr. Lombard indicated that the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Military Affairs Committee meeting was

scheduled for December 9, 2015 and the Baptist Hospital West End military dinner would be held on December 16, 2015.

Mr. Charles Johnson, representing the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce, indicated that the Chamber's Veterans Day event was held at the University of Miami. He noted the keynote speaker was Major General Michael Plehn, U.S. Southern Command's Chief of Staff, and the Counsel General of France presented Legion of Honor awards to nine individuals. Mr. Johnson indicated that the Singing Miamians provided entertainment and Lt. Colonel Harold Miller, Korean Battalion Miami, swore in five new recruits. He clarified that the Chamber's Military Affairs Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, December 9, 2015 at the 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron, followed by a holiday social hour.

Mr. Paul Russo, representing the Miami Veteran's Administration Healthcare System (VA), reported that the several of the VA's spinal cord injury veterans participated in the Veterans Day Parade. He spoke about efforts to provide 300 prepared meals for homeless and underprivileged veterans in cooperation with Feeding South Florida. Mr. Russo stated that 30 people became U.S. Citizens in a Naturalization Ceremony held at the VA. He spoke about the success of the VA Hospital, noting 98.25 appointments completed within thirty days; 2.8 average days wait time for primary care and 2.7 days for specialty care; and less than 1 day wait time for mental health care.

Mr. Russo provided an update on the Veterans Choice Program Eligibility Details and provided a handout of program criteria. He specifically noted the following provisions were modified: "the Veteran faces an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to a VA medical facility based on geographic challenges, environmental factors, or a medical condition. Staff at the Veteran's local VA medical facility will work with him/her to determine if he/she is eligible for any of these reasons" and "the Veteran's specific health care needs, including the nature and frequency of the care needed, warrants participation in the program. Staff at the Veteran's local VA medical facility will work with him/her to determine if he/she is eligible for any of these reasons". Mr. Russo noted efforts were underway locally to respond to these new provisions, noting the positive aspects of providing care in the community closer to veterans' homes.

Chairman Diaz acknowledged Mr. Russo for his outstanding efforts, noting he made a difference for our veterans.

Mr. David Blake, representing District 2, noted he distributed information about the U.S. Naval Academy Gospel Choir concert to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at The Fountain of New Life Church, 4601 NW 167 Street, Miami Gardens and admission was free.

Ms. Michelle Mason on behalf of Mr. Alex Acosta, representing District 12, reported on the Veterans Legal Clinic at Florida International University. She pointed out that students were meeting weekly with veterans at the VA to provide legal representation, noting efforts

would be expanded next semester. She asked that anyone needing legal assistance be directed to the clinic.

❖ **Comments and/or input from the public**

Chairman Diaz opened the floor to public comments. There being no one wishing to address the Board, Chairman Diaz closed the floor to public comments.

❖ **Old Business**

➤ **Challenge Coin**

It was moved by Mr. Timothy Daubert to order 1,000 Challenge Coins at a cost of \$3.50 each with the total order amount not to exceed \$3,800. This motion was seconded by Dr. Anthony Atwood and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 9-0.

➤ **Veterans Parade**

Chairman Diaz expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cruz for his leadership on the Veterans Day Parade, noting this was the best parade ever held on Miami Beach. He expressed concern that there were multiple events held simultaneously, noting the MAB was designed to prevent such occurrences and solutions needed to be developed to avoid this from happening in the future.

➤ **Wounded Warrior Celebrity Softball Game & Tournament**

Mr. Cruz reported on the upcoming softball game and tournament to be held December 12 - 13, 2015 at Tropical Park. He noted a celebrity baseball game would be held on December 11, 2015 at FIU and tickets were available through FIU Sports at <http://tiny.cc/wwmiami> and the players would be available for autographs before and after the game.

Chairman Diaz asked Mr. Cruz to ensure information was made available to County employees.

➤ **Veterans Court Update**

Chairman Diaz mentioned the need to roll out the mentoring program. He said the State Attorney, the Public Defender, the Veterans Administration, the Chief of Courts and FIU Law School Dean was behind this effort. Chairman Diaz stressed that the Veterans Court would not work without a mentoring program and questioned whether FIU's students were required to complete community service in order to graduate.

Ms. Mason responded that FIU had a Veterans Law Student Group looking for community projects. She reported that students were required to complete 30 hours of community service work and this could be an opportunity to satisfy that requirement.

Chairman Diaz pointed out that the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) had partnerships with veterans groups at the other local universities and this connection should be considered. He said he wanted a mentoring plan developed by the end of the year, noting there were a lot of local veterans' organizations that could assist.

Mr. Daubert pointed out a program about the New York Veterans Court on CSPAN and would try to obtain this for MAB members.

#### ➤ **Veterans Housing Update**

Mr. Cruz reported that the inventory of County owned properties were being evaluated. He noted efforts underway to determine whether the Job Corp property was being returned back to Homestead Air Reserve Base or to the County after being informed the Job Corp was not returning to Homestead. Mr. Cruz stated that this was a great opportunity to obtain single family housing for disabled and low income veterans.

Chairman Diaz added that he needed to meet with Mr. Donald "Andy" Bird, U.S. Army Garrison-Miami (USAG) Manager, U.S. Southern Command (SOUTHCOM), noting he met with an interested national developer. He said there were many strategically located government owned properties that were identified through a recently requested report that could be considered. Chairman Diaz noted affordable military housing was a major problem. He mentioned the possibility of a favorable partnership between the County providing land, SOUTHCOM providing funding, and a private developer. Chairman Diaz clarified that single family cottage type homes were being considered in order to obtain maximum use of the available land. He noted there was land located between the two bases; however, Uniform Development Boundary issues needed to be addressed.

#### ❖ **New Business**

##### ➤ **2016 Hispanic Veteran Concert and Fundraising**

Chairman Diaz announced that Mr. Emilio Estefan agreed to produce the 2016 Hispanic Veteran Concert (Concert) on October 2, 2016 at the American Airlines Arena. He said the concert would be for veterans, families, active and non-active service members. Chairman Diaz indicated that performances would be presented by some of the highest names in entertainment and music, noting Santana, Billy Joel, Gloria Estefan, and others were being considered. He stated that this would be the first in a series of concerts and nationally televised as well as offering satellite feeds to specific locations. Chairman Diaz pointed out that the MAB would be strategically involved in this event. He mentioned that US. Navy and

Coast Guard vessels could be docked outside the arena. Chairman Diaz stated that he already had a team working on the event.

➤ **Camillus House**

Mr. Eddie Gloria, Camillus House, Vice President of Strategy and Housing Development, addressed the Board. He reported that Camillus House was established in 1960, offering emergency housing, transitional housing, permanent housing, mental health care, primary health care, and residential substance abuse treatment. Mr. Gloria said that Camillus House served 1,100 individuals nightly across 14 facilities. He mentioned that Camillus House served veterans needs at the St. Michaels facility near the Homestead Air Reserve Base as part of the County's efforts to end homelessness among veterans.

Mr. Gloria stated that the benefits of being homeless in Miami were a well-known fact amongst the homeless community. He provided an overview of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust's role in addressing homelessness in this County, noting they were the coordinating body with an integrated Homeless Management Information System in use to coordinate the delivery of care throughout the community.

➤ **Knights of Columbus Chili Cook Off**

Mr. Cruz reported on an upcoming chili cook off to be held on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 270 Catalonia Avenue, Coral Gables, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. He pointed out that proceeds benefited the Wounded Warrior Project.

➤ **3 Kings Parade**

Mr. Cruz mentioned the 3 Kings Parade along S.W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street would be held on Sunday, January 10, 2016.

Chairman Diaz emphasized that military participation in the Parade was greatly appreciated.

➤ **2016 MAB Objectives**

Mr. Cruz reported that the Veterans Court, the Veterans Concert, and housing issues were among the major goals for this Board in the upcoming year. He said he would develop a plan to ensure the MAB members participation.

Chairman Diaz stated that he would meet with Mr. Cruz during the next two weeks to develop a strategy and Mr. Cruz would then work with each MAB member individually. He said that the MAB members needed to begin providing more constructive participation and not just feedback. Chairman Diaz noted he would involve the Beacon Council, the Greater

Miami Chamber of Commerce and other partners in the upcoming concert, noting Mr. William (Bill) Talbert was already committed.

➤ **BRAC Proofing**

Chairman Diaz reported that the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Proof Joint Use Agreement for Homestead passed unanimously by a County board. He said it was anticipated to take two years to go through the U.S. Air Force approval process; however, mentioned he would try to expedite this process once provided a list of specific contact names. Chairman Diaz indicated the faster this was enacted the more secure the base would become.

❖ **Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Timothy Daubert that the minutes from the following MAB meetings be approved:

March 4, 2015  
May 6, 2015  
June 10, 2015  
August 5, 2015  
September 9, 2015  
October 14, 2015

This motion was seconded by Dr. Anthony Atwood, and upon being put to a vote, passed by a vote of 9-0.

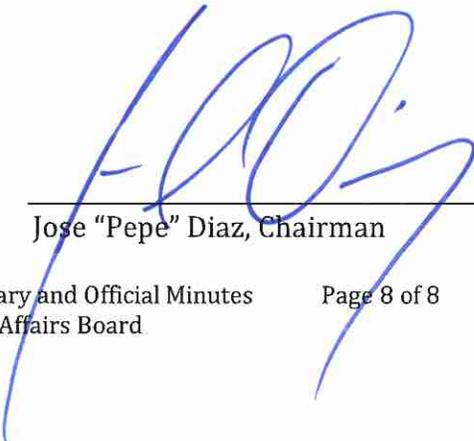
❖ **Discussion items for the next agenda**

Mr. Cruz encouraged MAB members to provide him with items for the next meeting agenda.

❖ **Adjournment**

Chairman Diaz wished MAB members a great holiday period and a Happy New Year.

There being no further business, the Military Affairs Board was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.



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Jose "Pepe" Diaz, Chairman



# Military Affairs Board

December 2, 2015

Prepared by: Alan Eisenberg

## EXHIBITS LIST

NO.	DATE	ITEM #	DESCRIPTION
1	12/02/15		Meeting Agenda
2	12/02/15		Miami-Dade County Defense Facts
3	12/02/15		Veterans Choice Program Eligibility Details
4	12/02/15		The United States Naval Academy Gospel Choir Flier
5	12/02/15		Miami-Dade Military Affairs Board Challenge Coin
7	12/02/15		Guest Sign-In Sheet
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OFFICE OF THE CHAIR  
MILITARY AFFAIRS ADVISORY BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015  
6:30 PM*

*FIREFIGHTER MEMORIAL BUILDING  
8000 NW 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Doral, FL 33122  
AGENDA*

- ❖ **Welcome**
- ❖ **Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance**
- ❖ **Comments and or input from the public**
- ❖ **Board Member Roundtable**
- ❖ **Old Business**
  - **Veterans Parade and Ceremony**
  - **Wounded Warriors Celebrity Softball Game & Tournament**
  - **Veterans Court Update**
  - **Veterans Housing Update**
- ❖ **New business**
  - **2016 Hispanic Veteran Concert and Fundraising**
  - **Wounded Warrior Project Miami**

- **Camillus House**
- **Knights of Columbus Chili Cook Off**
- **3 Kings Parade**
- **2016 MAB Objectives**
  
- ❖ **Approval of minutes**
- ❖ **Discussion items for the next agenda**
- ❖ **Next scheduled meeting is January 2016**
- ❖ **Adjournment**

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DEFENSE FACTS

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>Net Change</u>
ECONOMIC IMPACT	\$5,103.3	<b>\$5,578.3</b>	475 million increase
JOBS	53,151	<b>56,476</b>	3,325 additional jobs
TOTAL DEFENSE SPENDING	\$1,244.8	<b>\$1,441.5</b>	196.7 million increase
AVERAGE SALARY	\$67,500.	\$70,100.	4%

Home to:

United States Southern Command - General John F. Kelly

Southcom is one of nine Unified Combatant Commands within the Department of Defense. The joint military command is responsible to support U S National security objectives throughout the Western Hemisphere in cooperation with domestic and international partners, in order to foster security, ensure stability, and promote prosperity throughout Central and South America, the Caribbean and global community. U. S. Southern Command is prepared to conduct joint and combined full-spectrum military operations within their area of responsibility.

New Command Designee: Vice Admiral Kurt Tidd

Homestead Air Reserve Base - Col. David P. Garfield

HARB hosts the 482<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing of the Air Force Reserve whose mission is to provide combat-ready F-16 fighter jets capable of worldwide deployment on short notice.

The 482<sup>nd</sup> is the host unit at HARB. There are also a number of tenant organizations located at the base, using services and infrastructure of the Air Force Reserve installation. Recently the Air Force also added a small full-time component and the Golden Knights have wintered here for the past five years. HARB tenants include U. S. Army Corp of Engineers, Special Operations Command South, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Defense Energy Support Center Americas, US. Coast Guard Maritime Safety and Security Team, , Florida Air National Guard 125<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing, Florida Army National Guard 50<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group.

United States Coast Guard Seventh District - Rear Admiral Scott A. Buseman

Headquartered in Miami, the 7<sup>th</sup> District is responsible for operations in the Southeast United States including Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Puerto Rico and the U. S.

Virgin Islands and more than 15,000 mile of coastline. Local facilities include headquarters in downtown Miami, a base in Miami Beach, Opa Locka Airport, and Rescue headquartered at HARB and the Engineering division with offices in South Dade.

Miami VA Healthcare System – Paul Russo, Director

The Miami VA Healthcare serves veterans in three counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe with an estimated veteran population of 175,000. In addition to the 432 bed hospital located in the Miami Dade Civic-Center they provide a number of out-patient centers and clinics from Broward to Key West including a Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Center in Miami.

Florida National Guard

The Florida National Guard has nine units operating in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. One of the more significant is the Florida Air National Guard 125<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing headquartered at HARB. As a part of NORAD these aircraft can be in the air in minutes responding to unidentified aircraft in American air space. Also headquartered At HARB is the Army's 50<sup>th</sup> regional support group.

## *Veterans Choice Program Eligibility Details* *Updated December, 2015*

To be eligible for the Veterans Choice Program, a Veteran must be enrolled in VA health care and meet at least one of the following criteria.

- The Veteran is told by his/her local VA medical facility that they will not be able to schedule an appointment for care either:
  - Within 30 days of the date the Veteran's physician determines he/she needs to be seen, or
  - Within 30 days of the date he/she wishes to be seen.
- The Veteran lives more than 40 miles driving distance from a VA medical facility with a full-time primary care physician.
- The Veteran needs to travel by air, boat, or ferry to the VA medical facility closest to his/her home.
- The Veteran faces an unusual or excessive burden in traveling to a VA medical facility based on geographic challenges, environmental factors, or a medical condition. Staff at the Veteran's local VA medical facility will work with him/ her to determine if he/ she is eligible for any of these reasons.
- The Veteran's specific health care needs, including the nature and frequency of the care needed, warrants participation in the program. Staff at the Veteran's local VA medical facility will work with him/her to determine if he/she is eligible for any of these reasons.
- The Veteran lives in a State or Territory without a full-service VA medical facility which includes:
  - Alaska, or
  - Hawaii, or
  - New Hampshire (*Note that Veterans are not eligible under this criterion if they live in New Hampshire and live within 20 miles of the White River Junction VAMC*), or
  - The United States Territories (excluding Puerto Rico which has a full service VA medical facility).

To verify eligibility, Veterans must call the Choice Program call center at:

866-606-8198

# Veterans Choice Program

## Details on the Unusual or Excessive Burden Eligibility Criteria

Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system **and** live less than 40 miles driving distance from the nearest facility may be eligible for the Veterans Choice Program. If they have difficulty reaching the closest VA medical facility for any of a number of reasons, listed below, they could qualify under the unusual or excessive burden eligibility determination.

Burdens	Details	Examples
 <b>Geographic Challenges</b>	<p>A Veteran needs to travel around a large body of water, over a mountain, or needs to navigate a similar geographic barrier.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crossing a mountain range</li> <li>• Navigating across a wide lake</li> </ul>
 <b>Environmental Factors</b>	<p>A Veteran's trip to the closest VA medical facility is blocked by traffic conditions such as a road that is inaccessible to the general public, or a prolonged road closure, or by hazardous weather conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roads blocked by military bases or other restricted areas</li> <li>• Road closures due to construction</li> <li>• Roads that are particularly dangerous during winter</li> </ul>
 <b>Medical Condition</b>	<p>A Veteran has a medical condition, as confirmed by the local medical facility's Primary Care Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT Team), that impacts his or her ability to travel.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vision problems</li> <li>• Limited mobility</li> <li>• Reduced focus or mental sharpness</li> </ul>
 <b>Other Factors</b>	<p>A Veteran could be determined eligible based on the nature, simplicity, or frequency of the care he or she needs.</p> <p>This includes instances where a Veteran's VA medical provider confirms that her or she requires an attendant to accompany him or her to a medical appointment either because of a medical condition or the type of procedure needed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outpatient physical therapy</li> <li>• Certain IV (parenteral infusions)</li> <li>• Upper and/or lower extremity joint or soft tissue (trigger point) injections</li> <li>• Optometry care such as a glaucoma screening or a diabetic retinal exam</li> <li>• Hearing evaluation</li> <li>• shots Allergy</li> </ul>



If you think you may be eligible for the Veterans Choice Program based on one of the reasons listed above, please contact your local VA medical facility. A staff member will work with you to determine eligibility. If you are determined eligible, staff will provide you with information about making an appointment for care through the program.

To learn more about the Veterans Choice Program visit: [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact).



## THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY GOSPEL CHOIR

The United States Naval Academy **GOSPEL CHOIR**, under the direction of Ms. Karla Scott, is an upbeat inspirational musical ensemble. Comprised of midshipmen from various places, races and creeds, the Gospel Choir is reflective of the diverse interests and ethnicities within the Brigade of Midshipmen. Their common bond is musical talent and a passion to praise through song. Throughout the year, the USNA Gospel Choir maintains an active schedule and regularly performs not only at the Naval Academy but throughout the nation at churches, schools, and community centers. The choir has taken its message of inspiration, motivation, and exhortation to Atlanta, the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Detroit, San Diego, Key West, Orlando, Miami, Pensacola, Bermuda, and Korea, and was seen in President Obama's Inaugural Concert "We Are One" performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial for a live audience of over half a million people and an internationally televised audience. The Gospel Choir is a wonderful part of the Naval Academy family. Not only does it allow its members to express their faith in song, but it also provides the public an opportunity to witness the diversity and talents of today's Brigade of Midshipmen. The Gospel Choir continues to excel, spreading the joy of Gospel Music and assisting the Naval Academy to fulfill its various missions. It is with honor, pride and distinction that the Gospel Choir represents the United States, the United States Navy and Marine Corps, and the Naval Academy.



For additional information, please visit our website at [www.usna.edu/music](http://www.usna.edu/music)

### **IN CONCERT**

**Saturday, March 12, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**The Fountain of New Life Church**

**4601 NW 167<sup>th</sup> Street, Miami Gardens, FL 33055**

**FREE ADMISSION: NO TICKETS REQUIRED**

**Doors open at 6:30 PM**

# Custom CHALLENGE COINS

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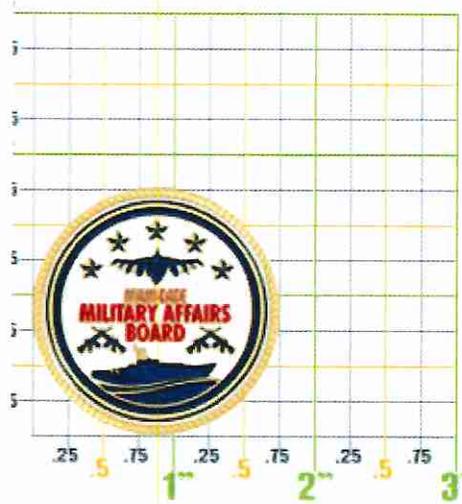
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# MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

Meeting Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTENDEE NAME	ORGANIZATION/DEPARTMENT	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	EMAIL
Bayardo Medron	MDA - office of Commissioner Auditor		(2) 375-3672	Bayardo@MIAMI.DADE.GOV
Priscilla Dames	Wingsan Seminars		305-804-4627 inforwingspan	seminars.net
Eddie Groza	CAMUS HOUSES		783-386580	eddiegroza@camillus.org
Kirk Huff	HARB CE		540-645-3061	Kirk.huff.ctr@us.af.mil
Angel L. Figueroa	Miami Dade county Veterans services		305 252-3262	Ferdgel@miamidade.gov