

Town of Miami Lakes: Veterans Committee

Report to the Town Council March 2019

MISSION STATEMENT: The Town Veterans Committee stands behind the issues most important not only to the Veterans in our community, but to all Veterans, By partnering with other Town Committees and organizations, we are devoted to mutual helpfulness by supporting wholesome programs in our community, advocating patriotism and honor, and continued devotion to our fellow service members and Veterans from all wars.

MEMBERSHIP:

Name	Committee Position	Nominated by:
Nayib Hassan	Chair	Carlos Alvarez
Gary Cardenas	Vice Chair	Luis Collazo
Bryan Bacallao	Secretary	Manny Cid
Sherill Hernandez	Member	Manny Cid
Edward Paez	Member	Josh Dieguez
Naymara Cruz	Member	Carlos Alvarez
Mary Collins	Member	Marilyn Ruano
William Kniffin	Member	Jeffrey Rodriguez
Angel Luis Vazquez	Member	Luis Collazo
Pedro Fiallo	Member	Josh Dieguez
Nick Monte	Member	Nelson Rodriguez
Aracelys Yapor	Member	Nelson Rodriguez

NOTE: There is currently one opening in the Veterans Committee. Attendance in the committee meetings have been well attended by all members especially in light of the Military Tribute Banner campaign in 2018, Veterans Day Parade, and Jingle Bell Jog 5K.

BUDGET 2018-2019: \$5,900.00

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Event	Date	Budget	Attendance
Military Tribute Banners	Mid May- November	\$3,500.00	Non-attended
Flag Retirement Ceremony	Tentatively in May	\$500.00	
Tree Planting Ceremony	April 26, 2019 Conjunction with Arbor Day	\$900.00	
Veterans Day Parade	November 10, 2019		Over 1,000
Jingle Bell Jog 5K	Tentative/ December	Fully sponsored event	over 1,000
Veteran Care Package		\$1,000.00	

FUTURE PROJECTS/CONSIDERATION:

1. Concert to Raise Awareness for Veterans Concerns in conjunction with Cultural Affairs Committee
2. Return of Military Tribute Banners to Families, That will be done in September at Miami Lakes Automall in which Miami Lakes Automall will be again sponsoring the return with a

picture of the fullsize banner to the families along with a tube with the fullsize banner inside.

3. Veterans Affairs Committee Branch Office at Town Hall.
4. Something that is not taken into account is that our committee was involved directly for a food drive for our local military families during the government shutdown and serving food to the Coast Guard Air Station with one of our local business that fully sponsored the event, Chick-fil-a
5. We give special thanks to all the local businesses that were involved with sponsoring our events which include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Miami Lakes Automall with the Military tribute Banners.
 - b. Headquarter Toyota with the Jingle Bell Jog as our Title Sponsor
 - c. Responsive Insurance and A and P Air Conditioning that were large sponsors in the Jingle Bell Jog.
 - d. Chik-fil-a for the lunch catered to the Coast Guard
 - e. And once again Miami Lakes Automall for the food drive to help support our military families during the government shutdown.