

Town of Miami Lakes: Veterans Committee

Report to the Town Council March 2020

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
Michael Coote	Vice Chair	Jeffrey Rodriguez
Bryan Bacallao	Secretary	Manny Cid
Edward Paez	Member	Josh Dieguez
Larry Borman	Member	Carlos Alvarez
Yaniel Lazala	Member	Marilyn Ruano
Gary Cardenas	Member	Jeffrey Rodriguez
Angel Luis Vazquez	Member	Luis Collazo
Pedro Fiallo	Member	Josh Dieguez
Leonardo Rodriguez	Member	Nelson Rodriguez
	Member	

NOTE: There is currently one opening in the Veterans Committee. Attendance in the committee meetings have been extremely well attended by all members especially in light of the Military Tribute Banner campaign in 2019, Veterans Day Parade, Jingle Bell Jog 5K, Forward March Event, and recently the Veterans Assistance Resource Satellite Office.

BUDGET 2019-2020: \$5,900.00

SCHEDULED EVENTS:

Event	Date	Budget	Attendance
Military Tribute Banners	Mid May- November	\$2,500.00	Non-attended
Memorial Honor Fund	Tentatively in May	\$900.00	
Tree Planting Ceremony	April 24, 2020 Conjunction with Arbor Day	\$1,000.00	
Veterans Day Parade	November 11, 2020		Over 1,000
Jingle Bell Jog 5K	Tentative/ December	Fully sponsored event	over 1,000
Veteran Care Package		\$1,000.00	
Veteran Committee Shirts		\$500.00	
Grand Total		\$5,900.00	

FUTURE PROJECTS/CONSIDERATION:

1. Recent Opening of the Veterans Assistance Satellite Office
2. Disbursement of the Jingle Bell Jog 5K net proceeds to a non-profit organization of the choosing of the Veterans Committee.

3. Return of Military Tribute Banners to Families, We anticipate that will be done in September , once again, at Miami Lakes Automall in which Miami Lakes Automall will be sponsoring the return with a picture of the fullsize banner to the families along with a tube with the fullsize banner inside.
4. Our organization has been hands down working with not only our local Veterans but also last year, we worked directly together with the Florida Department of Veteran Affairs (FDVA) in hosting the Forward March Event at the request of Governor Rick DeSantis office and Danny Burgess from FDVA. In doing so, we hosted the largest gathering of experts in the four-county area including Miami Dade, Broward, Monroe and Collier County.
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. A and P Air Conditioning that was a large sponsors to the Jingle Bell Jog.
 - d. Vicky Bakery in catering the Inauguration of the Town of Miami Lakes Veterans Assistance Satellite Office.