



# Veterans Advisory Board

August 29, 2012 – 7:00 P.M. – **Minutes**

Ft. Taber-Ft. Rodman Military Museum, 1000c Rodney French Blvd

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**Meeting called to order at 7:09 PM by Mr. Bromley.**

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Led by Ms. Regan at 7:10 PM.

**Roll call of Members:** Mr. Gregoire is deployed. Mr. Clark, Mr. William Rogers and Mr. DeSouza were absent.

**Approval of minutes from previous meeting:** *Motion* was made to accept the minutes as published by Mr. L'Heureux seconded by Ms. Regan. *Motion passed at 7:10PM.*

## Committee Reports:

**Women's Armed Forces Memorial:** The city's Memorial Board had a meeting at the Military Museum at the beginning of August. There was a good turnout of female Veterans and family of female Veterans. Memorial was voted to be placed in Fort Taber Park. Next meeting will take place Sept. 11, 2012 at 7:00PM at the Military Museum.

**Cemetery Committee:** Mr. DeSouza was not present.

**Unfinished Business:** Ideas for a Veteran designation for Veterans buried in New Bedford with no indication that they are a Veteran still tabled.

Nothing was discussed about Exercise Tiger 2013.

The Military Museum will conduct an annual program in correspondence with Veteran's Day.

**Reading of Communications:** By Mr. Gomes.

## New Business:

There was a motion to send a letter to Mayor informing him that the VAB would like to be part of the planning of the Memorial Day and Veteran's Day parades more specifically beginning with the Memorial Day parade in 2013. The VAB would be willing to assist in any way with preparing for the upcoming Veteran's Day parade though. **Motion** by Mr. Duarte and seconded by Mr. D'Andrea, *motion passed at 7:37PM.*

Information was given to the VAB in regards to the City's policy of Conflict of Interest, Anti-Discrimination and Residency.

There was a motion to change the meeting date of the VAB from the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month to the last in order to relieve confusion of when the board will be meeting during the month. **Motion** by Mr. L'Heureux and seconded by Mr. Duarte, *motion passed at 7:50PM.*

**Good of the Order:** The Military Museum will be holding a fundraiser on October 13, 2012 known as the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Autumn Revelry. There will be 3 dinner options; seating will be at 5, 6 & 7:00PM. Dessert & music will take place in the museum all evening. Contact the museum at 508-994-3938 or go to the museum between 1 & 4 each day.

*Motion* made to adjourn by Mr. L'Heureux seconded by Mr. Duarte. *Motion passed at 8:01PM.*

**Next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 26, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Ft. Taber – Ft. Rodman Military Museum, 1000c South Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02744.**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Christopher G. Gomes  
Secretary