



Veterans Advisory Board

September 26, 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 7:03 PM by Mr. Bromley.

Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Mr. Raymond L'Heureux at 7:04 PM.

Roll call of Members: Stephen Rogers, Chris Gomes, and Tim DeSouza absence was excused. Mr. Gregoire is deployed.

Reading of minutes from previous meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were not present.

Committee Reports:

Women's Armed Forces Memorial: Col. Grace Regan stated that a separate non-profit organization was formed to begin the memorial process. A bank account was established with \$800. The new organization is reviewing design ideas. The Board expressed its interest to assist the organization in its endeavor and hoped that the design will become an attraction for the City. *Motion* to accept committee report, *motion passed.*

Reading of Communications: None.

Old Business: Mr. D'Andrea updated the Board on the efforts to establish a veterans' calendar with the Standard Times. He stated that he contacted Jack Spillane who is very enthusiastic in recreating a section. Mr. Spillane asked if the VAB or some of its members could meet with the Standard Times editorial board to discuss the matter. Mr. D'Andrea will contact Mr. Spillane to coordinate a meeting.

Mr. Bromley reported that the Board as not received any further information from the Veterans' Council regarding the upcoming Veterans Day services for the City.

Good of the Order: The tentative date for the 2013 Exercise Tiger memorial service is Sunday, April 28, 2013. Also, the chairman will ask Chris Gomes, Secretary and Veterans' Agent for the City of New Bedford to update the Board at the October Board meeting on the responses received by him from the various local veterans organizations to provide updated contacted information.

The Fort Taber Fort rodman Historical Association will hold Veterans Day services on Sunday, November 11th at 1:00PM at the Military Museum.

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:00 PM at the Fort Taber Fort Rodman Military Museum.

Respectfully submitted by,
Robert C. Bromley
Chairman