

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM(S) REC

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Date: August 24, 2015

Weekly Agenda Date: September 1, 2015

DEPARTMENT HEAD / CITIZEN: <u>Supervisor Jeremy Taylor</u>		
SUBJECT: Veterans Affairs		
ACTION REQUIRED:		
Approve Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/>	Approve Resolution <input type="checkbox"/>	Approve Motion <input type="checkbox"/>
Give Direction <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: Informational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Attachments <input type="checkbox"/>

WORDING FOR AGENDA ITEM: Veterans Affairs Meeting and Event

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: To increase visibility and communication with our new 5-member Veterans Affairs Commission, the Board would invite the full Board to a meet and greet for a 10-minute time-certain with coffee/treats to learn a short introduction of their service and hear about any needs / happenings from the Commission. To honor Veterans with the Woodbury County Veterans Affairs Commission as the lead, we can participate in a unique event.

BACKGROUND:

There is a new 5-member commission with 3 new members. It would be a great show of support to have them as historically, the Board of Supervisors has been supportive and we can continue this great tradition.

Danielle Dempster received a call from Steve Warnstadt (an Iowa National Guard Colonel, former State Senator) who was looking for a project for several boy scouts on Veteran's Day. One idea is to hold a dinner by invitation for the Korean Veterans in their database, which will be vetted by the Commission. This would be particularly poignant in that the Korean War is often called "The Forgotten War."

Woodbury County could look to make this an annual tradition and focus on another group in the future. The event could have music, an invocation, speaker, Color Guard, and incorporate the service of these Boy Scouts. We could look for sponsors, a public-private partnership, and/or look to use gaming revenue funds as well to supplement or support such an event.

FYI, Woodbury County does have a Veteran's Day ceremony each year (November 11 at 11:00 a.m.) in the Rotunda with a speaker.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: To be determined

RECOMMENDATION: That the Veterans Affairs Commission be welcomed based on their schedule at a time certain of 5:00 p.m. when their schedule works best and at a later date seek input for a recommendation from the Veterans Affairs Commission on hosting a Veteran-honoring event.

ACTION REQUIRED: Unanimous consent to bring back a recommendation and invite the Veterans Affairs Commission at a normally scheduled meeting.