



Pemberton Township Veterans Advisory Committee

OUTLINE OF ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE PEMBERTON TOWNSHIP COUNCIL UPDATE OF WHAT OUR COMMITTEE HAS BEEN DOING AND HOPES TO DO

Veterans' Viewpoint Shows

Those who are to participate are asked to submit questions from the Moderator to ask so there are no Surprises

The aims of Veterans' Viewpoint are (1) to show local veterans the many services that can be provided for them and (2) to show support for the veterans in our Township

8 February 2007

Topic . . . Samaritan Hospice of Marlton
Carol Poprocki to be present to disseminate information
Questions in hands of Moderator in advance of the show
Show taped and aired

25 May 2007

Topic . . . What each base individually has to offer veterans and their families (to include widows and/or widowers) and what the Mega-Base will have to offer in the future
Command Chief Master Sergeants of Fort Dix and McGuire AFB and Master Chief of Lakehurst Naval Air Station
Questions received from each participant so we could develop list of pertinent questions, which would be sent to each participant so there would be no surprises
Show taped and aired

20 November 2007

Topic . . . Have students from the AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) Program in the Helen Fort Middle School question retired military members of our Committee, as well as Sgt. Laura Long from Fort Dix
Students provided questions which were given to Moderator, Robert Allenback, and to participants prior to show so, again, there would be no surprises
Students participating were . . . Sean, Oscar, Huda and Vashti . . . who each provided approximately six (6) questions

Pemberton Township VAC members participating . . .

Staff Sergeant Don William Retired, Past State DAV Commander

Command Sergeant Major Peter Walker, Retired

Master Sergeant Rudy Irizarry, Retired, Chairman of the Veterans Advisory Committee of Pemberton Township

All students who participated received an American flag and a CD of the show

Show taped and aired

Other Achievements

31 March 2007 - Pemberton Lions Club presented the Pemberton Township Veterans Affairs Committee new flags to be flown at Veterans' Memorial Park

Formed Alert Roster so that when someone hears of something about which the Committee members should be aware, that information can be passed along rapidly

Have contacted PembertonVoice.org with regard to our being able to have our events promoted on their web site . . . however, none have been posted on their web site

Designed binders to be placed in the Pemberton Township Municipal Building and in the Pemberton Community Library to keep people abreast of what is going on with regard to Veterans' benefits

Binders placed with Township and with Library, but no further advertisement on Township web site)

Possible Future Endeavors

Looking into ability to provide active duty and retired military members and their families with passport photos

Attempt to have letter go out to veteran's widows to find out how many there are within the Township in order to give out the Gold Star (someone killed in action) and the Blue Star (someone on active duty in harm's way) flags . . . will try to raise monies to purchase these flags

Will tape another Veterans' Viewpoint show in the first quarter of 2008

New Guidance on Saluting the Flag:

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Jim Inhofe (R-Okla..) today praised the passage by unanimous consent of his bill (S.1877) clarifying U.S. law to allow veterans and servicemen not in uniform to salute the flag. Current law (US Code Title 4, Chapter 1) states that veterans and servicemen not in uniform should place their hand over their heart without clarifying whether they can or should salute the flag.

"The salute is a form of honor and respect, representing pride in one's military service," Senator Inhofe said.

"Veterans and service members continue representing the military services even when not in uniform. "Unfortunately, current U.S. law leaves confusion as to whether veterans and service members out of uniform can or should salute the flag. My legislation will clarify this regulation, allowing veterans and servicemen alike to salute the flag, whether they are in uniform or not. "I look forward to seeing those who have served saluting proudly at baseball games, parades, and formal events. I believe this is an appropriate way to honor and recognize the 25 million veterans in the United States who have served in the military and remain as role models to others citizens. Those who are currently serving or have served in the military have earned this right, and their recognition will be an inspiration to others."

This Bill was passed July 25, 2007. Let your veteran friends know about the Passage of this Bill.