

**Jefferson Barracks Community Council
General Membership Meeting
September 10, 2010
Jefferson Barracks Joint Forces Reserve Center**

**Welcome and introductions by Art Schuermann
Welcome to new Center by Col. Mickan**

Minutes from last meeting approved

Treasurer's Report:

- \$2,446.19
- 95 dues paying members
- Reminder to check if membership is up-to-date for voting in November

News from Art:

Elections:

- Next meeting Board elections will be held. Barb Hehmeyer, Carole Baras and Beth Letscher will run again. Dave Courtway will not. If not, there is one vacancy to fill and nominations are open. Anyone interested in nominating someone please contact Art.

Next Meeting:

- Currently scheduled for November 12th. On November 5th the Guard is hosting an open house at the new Center so we will move the next General Membership meeting to coincide with the Open House.

New Business:

Port Authority Community Reinvestment Fund:

- Beth Letscher reported that the St. Louis County Port Authority granted funds to 3 entities working at Jefferson Barracks. The Port Authority is making grants every 6 months to organizations that work or provide services in Lemay. In August, the Port granted \$1.7 million total to 7 agencies. The three in Jefferson Barracks were the Missouri Civil War Museum (\$500,000), Jefferson Barracks Heritage Foundation (\$40,000) and the Missouri Civil War Heritage Foundation (\$4,000).

Freedom River Walk

- Dave Craig introduced himself and described the events for the following day. He will emcee; the ceremony will start at 10 a.m. Ed Ross will lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and, Councilman Stenger will sing the National Anthem. Major sponsors are River City Casino and St. Louis County Economic Council. Mrs. Mungenast will unveil a model of the "Old Guard" statue to be placed in DC.

VA Plans:

- Dan Jay presented examples of various facades for the buildings on the VA campus and asked for input from the Council
- He explained that the design had advanced since he presented last March. All the buildings were being designed at the highest level of energy efficiency – rated LEED Gold.

Congressman Carnahan:

- The investigation at Cochran Medical Center is ongoing. There will be a new dental clinic and it will have a centralized dental sterilization center this spring.
- National Cemetery is looking for additional property. It is working with St. Louis County Parks to obtain land at Sylvan Springs Park but there are some obstacles.

County Parks:

- New activity guides are out
- The Powder Magazine and Ordnance Buildings will have new roof and copper downspouts. The Friends of JB donated \$100,000 to that project.

Fisher House Ribbon Cutting: September 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Base Update:

- Captain Zorn: the 157th is assisting in the effort in the Gulf to work with the Deep Horizon oil spill

AROUND THE ROOM

Jeff Barnes (National Cemetery): Cemetery is the 5th largest National Cemetery out of 131. They had 4500 internments last year.

Rep. Sue Schoemehl: term limited out of the Missouri House but hopes to stay involved

Mark Bohnert (Lemay Housing Partnership): They are a grant recipient and will be increasing the number of homes served plus adding staff and equipment.

Karen Schoemehl (St. Bernadette's) – they are hosting a fundraiser for a soldier that is a quadruple amputee. St. Louis Kickball is volunteering to host a tournament.

Julie Bower (Girlfriends Project) – 3rd annual baby shower is coming up for 30 women vets. Also they are distributing a CD “Helping Soldiers Sleep” to help soldiers with PTSD. People can make donations.

Bob Julius (Air Force Retirees) – this weekend there will be an air show at Scott Air Force Base including pyrotechnics. On Sept. 25th there will be a retirees activity day.

Mark Trout (MO Civil War Museum) – Received funding from Port Authority. They are still targeting April 12th for opening. Has had \$1.1 million contributed from outside Lemay and JB.

Teresa Petry (Ed Martin campaign) – Military is very important to Ed.

Linda Henry (Councilman Stenger's office) – Please come to the Freedom River Walk

Brenden Fahey (McCaskill's office) – working on Cochran Medical Center issues. Customer service at the VA's will be a priority of the Senator.

Glenda (Friends of JB) – The money for donations to the County doesn't come easy.

Rep. Vicki Englund – Hosted a senior fair last week. They are going into veto session next week.

Stuart Symington, Jr. – JBHF received funding for a feasibility study to do something to memorialize President Grant. The MO Civil War Commission is preparing for the 150th Anniversary.

Bill Florich (JBHF) – JBHF is on Facebook now. The registration for the historic site is now complete. Next up is getting the entire area as a national landmark.

NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS JOINT FORCES RESERVE CENTER.