

**Jefferson Barracks Community Council
General Membership Meeting
September 14, 2012
Jefferson Barracks Bldg. 24**

Welcome and introductions by Art Schuermann

Minutes from last meeting approved

Treasurer's Report: Frank was not in attendance to give us the exact amount, but Art shared that we have approximately \$3,000. A \$300 check had been written to the Freedom River Walk.

Base News: Col. Rick Chapman

- Approximately 350 people left at Lambert
- 50 full time will come to JB
- 300-350 will come to JB on drill weekends
- Target date: end of 2012
- Building 29 will receive \$4 - \$5 million in renovations to house the units. It has not been used or updated since WWII.
- 121st Air Control Squadron: plans to dissolve this unit in 2013 have been delayed.

Bill Florich, JBHF:

- Tuskegee Airmen exhibit currently on display in building 96
- There is also a 60 minute video on the Tuskegee Airmen

JBCC Elections:

- 7 people are on Board as ex-officio; 8 are elected
- Currently, 4 are up for election: 3 incumbents and 1 vacancy
- Art is retiring at the end of 2012 and he is volunteering to run for the vacant seat
- To be on the board, you need to be a paid member; to vote you have to be a paid member
- We will vote at the meeting in November and Art is currently taking nominations

POW/MIA Museum

- Gloria Barnes (board member) updated us that the 501(c)3 has been received
- The museum has started negotiations with the Parks Department to lease the building
- They continue fundraising
- POW Day is September 21st and there will be a ceremony at the Powder Magazine

World War I Court of Honor

- Monument has been constructed; they are currently installing landscaping
- The ribbon cutting will be on September 30th at 1 pm.
- It is the largest memorial in the National Cemetery
- Gold Star families will be there

Around the Room:

Friends of JB: the purpose of the Friends is to raise money for activities in JB. They run a trail watch program and need volunteers. Tomorrow there is a training program for people interested in volunteering at the museum.

AT & T Pioneers: The new slate roof is on so they can now continue with their project.

US Grant Historic Site: October 6th is the annual lecture. Dr. Ronald Wright has a book “Abe Lincoln” and is working on a Grant biography

Sen. Lembke’s office: John Judd several bills have been passed regarding veteran’s rights.

County Parks: JD – the Parks Activity Guide is now available. There are so many people in the room that have saved Jefferson Barracks.

VA Medical Center, Mike Brueckmann volunteer: the Power plant is going up and other infrastructure projects are progressing. The big smokestack is coming down.

Bethesda, Lee Williams – Bethesda is not for profit and has several initiatives for Veteran’s Day.

Lemay Housing Partnership: have funds to invest in home repair if anyone knows anyone who needs help. Can invest \$8,000

County Executive’s office: Excited about WWI dedication and Freedom River Walk

Esley Hamilton: St. Louis Parks book is now published and available

Civil War Museum: targeting late 2012 opening date. Sidewalks and walkways are being installed.

Congressman Carnahan’s office: the Congressman will be celebrating POW day

Girlfriend’s Project: hosting their 5th annual baby shower and taking names for participants.

Retiree Activity Office: Airshow at Scott Air Force Base 9-5; B-2’s at 1:40; Thunderbirds at 2:30 on both Saturday and Sunday.

**NEXT MEETING: FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2012 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE JEFFERSON BARRACKS
JOINT FORCES RESERVE CENTER Classroom 7 (our usual spot on the lower level).**