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CFV Commission meeting OVA Report for May 5th 20256

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OVA Report by Dr. Dula:

The office of veteran's affairs enjoyed another great month with the help of the Commission Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission assistance.

In addition, we enjoyed various community outings that resulted in favorable interactions and assistance rendered to residents. What did we do?

- a. We enjoyed community day at the American Legion Post 259 and it was an overwhelming success.
- b. It was our pleasure to recognize military youth and families during April, which is MILITARY CHILD MONTH.
- c. Our Vice Chair attended the NAMI hope walk last weekend and although it was really hot, she participated with honors....
- d. Council Chair Ivey visited the Office of Veteran Affairs Military Veterans and Families Resource Center and discuss veterans' issues with Dr. Dula and Chair Jackson.
- e. A local Fraternity conducted its general meeting and invited Dr. Dula to be the guest speak; to address veterans affairs. There are numerous veterans
- f. The OVA partnered with the Prince George's County Fire Department to share recruitment information with the veterans community
- g. We partnered with MERCY HOUSE as a community partner to provide items for homeless women and women veterans.
- h. Attended the SKY BRIDGE Veterans Meeting – it was their first – and enjoyed conversations with veterans and families in the Assisted Living Community. It was a great event and we look forward to future meetings with them.
- i. Surviving Spouse and Warm Hearts Offices, along with Ms. Rosemarie, conducted an event at Clinton Manor dedicated to speaking with residents about current issues affecting surviving spouses and military families. We look to do more, county wide, throughout the year.

Future:

OUTREACH: PLEASE ATTEND EVENTS AND PROGRAMS. We continue to operate with JOINTNESS s our key word. Community outreach is vital to ensure we continue spreading the message that WE ARE HERE TO HELP our men and WOMEN veterans and families.

May is **MENTL HEALTH MONTH** and **MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH**. We are discussing an event with District Heights and will keep the Commission apprised.

- If commissioners know of events we should attend, please let Dr. Dula, Chair Jackson and or Vice Chair Henderson know so we can get on the calendar.

CLOSE:

The Office of Veterans Affairs and Commission are actively engaged in community activities each week. Stop by the Military Veterans and Families Resource Center to discuss future activities and remember that our model of operation is HELP with HOPE; health, housing, employment and education, labor and skills development and People Quality of Life for our Veterans and their families.

MUCH MORE TO COME as I will send updates each week beginning next week. See the Website for more information and look forward soon to the NEW FACEBOOK.

Dr. Dula

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