

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2012

The Advisory Board did not complete its required 4 meeting per year. Two meetings of the 4 that were held failed to attract the required quorum.

- January 19, 2012 meeting of the full board

Items covered included a discussion of the Veteran's Preference regulations that the Veteran Community has long been advocating for and that were vetoed by Governor Paterson in '11. The board will work together to get this legislation back on the NYS agenda.

An update of the services provided at the St. Albans VA hospital was made by Queens VAB representative Marvin Jeffcoat.

A full briefing on the efforts of the Mayor's Office of Veteran's Affairs to increase hiring and career building was made by Commissioner Holliday. Schedules of job fairs were distributed.

"Veteran's Week" was discussed and planned for the week preceding Veterans Day '12.

Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day at the NYC Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 55 Water will be held in March again this year. This will be the 30th anniversary celebration of the success of the NYC Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

The board discussed the proposed sale of the 346 Broadway & how the offices of MOVA will move to its new home in one Center St.

Black Vets for Social Justice Representative, Wendy McClinton, discussed the need for identifying the unmarked graves of veterans & the need to help the families of veterans.

- June 19, 2012 meeting of the full board

Items covered included the reappointment of Veteran Advisory Board members. A discussion of attendance was noted & members were encouraged to keep their appointments.

VISIONS services for the blind briefed the board about the services they offer.

The storage and security of archival material was discussed. Texas Tee takes all archival material from the Vietnam Era.

"Fleet Week" and the Veterans Community were discussed & board members will encourage the veterans in their community to participate.

Women Veterans needs were discussed I.E. health care, Family & child care issues & housing.