

PRESIDENTS REPORT OCTOBER 2016 TO FEBRUARY 2017

SINCE OUR LAST STATE COUNCIL MEETING:

I ATTENDED THE COUNCIL OF STATE PRESIDENTS MEETING AND THE VVA NATIONAL BOARD MEETING IN WASHINGTON DC IN OCTOBER AND JANUARY.

I ATTENDED CONGRESSMAN GUS BILIRAKIS VETERANS COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER NOVEMBER JANUARY AND FEBRUARY.

AS A TEAM WE SENT OUT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO MULTIPLE HOTELS. WE WORKED ON SELECTING A NEW HOTEL FOR OUR STATE COUNCIL MEETINGS

AS THE NEW CHAIRMAN FOR THE FLORIDA VETERANS COUNCIL I CHAIRED MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER AND JANUARY. AT THE JANUARY MEETING WE PUT TOGETHER OUR LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING STATE LEGISLATURE SESSION. OUR NEXT MEETING IS IN TALLAHASSEE IN MARCH WHERE WE WILL VISIT OUR LOCAL STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

I WAS A GUEST SPEAKER AT A GOLD STAR MOTHERS EVENT 'HONORING THE FALLEN" AT ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE IN TARPON SPRINGS

I DID A 1 DAY AMERICAN TEACH IN AT ST PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL TO CLASSES THAT WERE STUDYING THE VIETNAM WAR.

WORKED WITH OUR TREASURER ON NEXT YEARS BUDGET AND FINALIZING OUR REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR AS WELL AS WOKING ON CLOSING OUT THIS YEARS BUDGET

AS A TEAM WE ARE WORKING ON A BOOK FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA FOR THE 50TH COMMERATIVE ANNIVERSARY FOR THE VIETNAM WAR. WE HAVE PUT IN LEGISLATIVE BILL WITH THE FLORIDA STATE LEGISLATURE TO PAY UP TO 50K FOR 5000 BOOKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO VIETNAM VETERANS ACROSS THE STATE.

ON A CHAPTER NOTE I AM NO LONGER THE PRESIDENT OF CHAPTER 522. I WAS REPLACED BY TOM DAVID WHO WILL BE AT OUR NEXT FSC MEETING.

ON A CHAPTER NOTE I WAS WITH THE COLOR GUARD AT 3 EVENTS. THE ST PETE COLLEGE GOLS STAR MOTHERS EVENT, VETERAN DAY AND THE COLOR GUARD FOR A TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING GAME.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MICHAEL BOUSER

FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL PRESIDENT