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October 4, 2017

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Rick Scott  
Honorable Pam Bondi  
Honorable Jimmy Patronis  
Honorable Adam Putnam

**FROM:** Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs  
Glenn W. Sutphin Jr., Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Agenda – Cabinet Meeting of October 17, 2017

The next public meeting of the Governor and Cabinet to transact the business of the Department of Veterans' Affairs will be at 8:00 a.m. (EDT), October 17, 2017 in Tallahassee, Florida.

The Agenda and all required back-up materials are attached for your review.

If you have any questions, please call my Legislative and Cabinet Affairs Director, Roy Clark, at (850) 487-1533 x7723.

cc: Kristin Olson, Director of Cabinet Affairs  
Executive Office of the Governor

Cynthia Kelly, Director  
Governor's Office of Policy and Budget

Attachments

**AGENDA**  
**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS**  
Meeting materials for the following items are available on the web at:  
<http://floridavets.org/about-us/public-notice/>

**MEMBERS**

Governor Rick Scott  
Attorney General Pam Bondi  
Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis  
Commissioner Adam Putnam

**October 17, 2017**  
**8:00 A.M. (EDT)**  
**The Capitol**  
**Tallahassee, Florida**

**Contact: Roy Clark, Director of Legislative & Cabinet Affairs**  
**(850) 487-1533**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
1.	Respectfully request approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2017 meeting.  (ATTACHMENT 1)	<b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b>
2.	Respectfully submit nominees for the Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame Class of 2017.  (ATTACHMENT 2)	<b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b>

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IN RE: MEETING OF THE GOVERNOR AND  
CABINET

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CABINET MEMBERS: GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL PAM BONDI  
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER JIMMY  
PATRONIS  
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE  
ADAM PUTNAM

DATE: TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2017

LOCATION: CABINET MEETING ROOM  
LOWER LEVEL, THE CAPITOL  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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3 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Next I'd like to recognize  
4 Glenn Sutphin with the Department of Veteran  
5 Affairs.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUTPHIN: Good morning,  
7 Governor Scott, General Bondi, CFO Patronis, and  
8 Commissioner Putnam.

9 I have two items on the agenda this morning.  
10 If you would give me just a minute of personal, I'd  
11 like to be able to brief you on the nursing homes,  
12 the two nursing homes.

13 The Florida veterans have won. As of 7, July,  
14 a letter was issued from Secretary Shulkin saying  
15 that the Port St. Lucie home could be built to our  
16 design. They allowed us to remain with \$37.99  
17 million, their part of it, ten percent overage.  
18 And we do not have to apply for the money, and we  
19 are well into the design factor on that particular  
20 home.

21 This is a great win for the State of Florida  
22 and for -- the rest of the states have been calling  
23 us and thanking us. It was done in July, but we  
24 got it Monday, so we have to constantly work --

25 GOVERNOR SCOTT: But it's a better design you

1 believe and it saves us a lot of money.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUTPHIN: Sir, the veterans  
3 will be more efficiently and safely taken care of  
4 because of the design that's been proven out in our  
5 homes that are five star and they're the Governor's  
6 Gold Seal Award. This is absolutely the best thing  
7 that could happen.

8 And in the end, sir, we're going to save the  
9 Feds money by doing the proper thing. My father  
10 always said that you may negotiate business, but  
11 you never negotiate your honor, your integrity or  
12 what's right, and Florida stood up for it.

13 And as you know, with Lake Baldwin, they  
14 wanted us to build 65 homes -- 65 beds, and we  
15 said, no, we're not going to do that. And we now  
16 have 120 beds there, so 240 more veterans.

17 I want to thank you all, because as an agency,  
18 we have -- you have our backs so we could walk up  
19 there and say: We're not going to do that. And,  
20 you know, they're kind of like: Well, maybe you  
21 won't be working much longer.

22 And my thing is, well, unless you own the  
23 Governor and the Cabinet, I don't think -- I don't  
24 work for you, and we're not going to do this. So  
25 thank y'all very much.

1           And certainly, sir, again, for taking an old  
2 troop up to see the President and get to talk to  
3 Secretary Shulkin and explain to him kind of in  
4 laymen terms of what was going wrong with what he  
5 was doing. They said in this document that there  
6 had been an error, an administrative error that  
7 they were correcting to allow us to build the home  
8 properly. So this is a great win for the veterans,  
9 sir, a really great win.

10           GOVERNOR SCOTT: Good job.

11           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUTPHIN: Lake Baldwin,  
12 sir, is moving forward. That's the rebid of the  
13 home in Orlando. August the 4th, we have been  
14 looking at the construction manager project. We've  
15 got the design just about finished.

16           So our aggressive timelines that we told you  
17 we were going to do, we're going to do them. I  
18 mean I don't care if the hurricane comes in, we'll  
19 figure out some way to do it. We are going to be  
20 able to meet those, sir, and we're going to open  
21 those homes and get those veterans taken care of.  
22 And I truly appreciate what y'all have done by  
23 standing up for us.

24           Item 1 is the minutes from May the 23rd of  
25 2017, Cabinet meeting. Respectfully request

1 approval.

2 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion on the  
3 item?

4 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So move.

5 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

6 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

7 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Comments or objections?

8 (NO RESPONSE).

9 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion  
10 carries.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUTPHIN: Agenda 2 is  
12 the Agency's legislative budget request for  
13 FY 2018/2019. Subject to any questions or  
14 comments, respectfully request that you approve our  
15 LBR for FY 2018/2019.

16 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a motion on the  
17 item?

18 ATTORNEY GENERAL BONDI: So move.

19 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Is there a second?

20 CFO PATRONIS: Second.

21 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Florida law requires the  
22 Governor to independently submit budget  
23 recommendations. Accordingly, I'm abstaining from  
24 the vote on this item.

25 Are there comments or objections?



1 (NO RESPONSE) .

2 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Hearing none, the motion is  
3 approved with one abstention.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SUTPHIN: Thank you very  
5 much, sir. I appreciate it.

6 GOVERNOR SCOTT: Thank you very much.  
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**SUBJECT:** Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame – Class of 2017

The agency is pleased to recommend the following 20 veterans for induction into the 2017 Florida Veterans' Hall of Fame:

- Harold (Hal) Baumgarten, Pvt., U.S. Army  
(*deceased*)
- Donald Van Beck, TEC 5, U.S. Army
- Joseph J. Celli, Tech. Sgt., U.S. Army
- Earle L. Denton, Lt. Col., U.S. Army (Ret)  
(*deceased*)
- Dale W. Doss, Capt., U.S. Navy (Ret)
- John P. Folsom, Petty Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class, U.S. Navy
- Thomas G. Gates, Capt., U.S. Air Force
- Leo R. Gray, Lt. Col., U.S. Army Air Corps,  
U.S. Air Force Reserves (Ret) (*deceased*)
- Bruce J. Host, Col., U.S. Air Force (Ret)
- Richard R. Hunt, Pfc., U.S. Marine Corps
- Albin F. Irzyk, Brig. Gen., U.S. Army (Ret)
- James L. Lamb, Master Sgt., U.S. Air Force  
(Ret)
- Albert H. Linden Jr., Maj., U.S. Army (Ret)
- Francis (Len) Loving, Col., U.S. Marine  
Corps (Ret)
- Rodney L. Phillips, Staff Sgt., U.S. Army
- Thomas S. Rice, Sgt. First Class, U.S. Army  
(Ret)
- George (Ben) Ritter, Sgt., U.S. Marine Corps
- John E. Thrasher, Capt., U.S. Army
- Robert N. White, Sgt., U.S. Army
- Bernard E. Wilson, Staff Sgt., U.S. Army Air  
Corps (*deceased*)

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