

Maryland State Bar Association
MILITARY LAW COMMITTEE

Fourth Committee Meeting
December 3, 2008 6:00 PM
520 W. Fayette St Baltimore, MD 21201

MINUTES

I. Welcome

In Attendance: Charles Blomquist, Justin Browne, James Butler, John Osing, John Price, Frank Levi, XXX.

The first order of business was the cancellation of the talk Lt. Gov. Brown was going to have with us about BRAC and its impact of the MD Military Community 12/9/08. Lt. Gov. Brown was selected to be a part of the Obama Transition Team for the new administration and did not have time for the lecture. Attempts to replace him with someone else did not work out. It was speculated that he was going to be selected to be the new head of the VA, but it turned out that Gen. Eric Shinseki, USA (Ret.) was selected instead shortly after the meeting.

The second topic was on the email list the committee has as of yet. In the process, a directory of military bases & installations was passed out to the members. In addition, the committee budget was discussed, especially in relation where the committee may meet in the near future because funds will be left over that may be put to dining out at restaurant.

The third topic was the grant applications. The ABA grant application deadline is 12/15/08 and deals with pro bono efforts to help homeless veterans. It's going to be a joint project and the grant is up to \$5,000. There was also a call for volunteers to help members of our military to file tax returns. A flier was passed out concerning this.

Next, the veterans' court was discussed again. This court would be dealing with veterans and legal issues concerning them. More discussions will follow.

A private company contacted the Committee to offer a program to military program dealing with military members relocating to the area and title needs. The proposal did not receive full support from the committee because there are many areas that may be outside the scope of the committee.

The awards program was discussed in further detail and should be active soon. The awards will be given to selected officers, enlisted, and civilians for their accomplishments. The first nominations should occur by May of 2009.

Prepared by: John Osing

Vicki Viramontes-LaFree is speaking with Frederick County Bar Association's Family Law Division as part of the family law brown bag lunch series on March 16, 2009 at noon, 22 S. Market Street , basement suite, Frederick, MD. The point of contact is Jennifer Leigh Rankin - jennifer@elizabethstup.com

Finally, the committee may have a golf meeting in the near future as well as a spring meeting in a local restaurant.

II. Meeting Adjourned

- A.** The next meeting was announced for 1/14/08 at 6 pm. The committee will try to hold the subsequent meeting at a location other than Baltimore City if there is interest.