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All…

We have the Colonel Robert Hawkins Veteran Volunteer Service Award ready and would like to make the presentation to Lou "Mash" Mascherino this Wednesday, June 3, at 9:00 a.m. That will be toward the end of their breakfast hour, so that we don't interrupt too badly. It will be fairly brief, but we certainly want to do justice to the spirit of the award on behalf of the Military Appreciation Committee. With that in mind, if you are available this Wednesday at 9:00 a.m., please stop by the Veterans Café for the award presentation. The more the merrier. Again it's a surprise, so please don't let the award out of the bag just yet. We'll provide photos of the event, should you not be able to attend.

Thanks,
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Subject: Bob Hawkins award and Memorial Day video program

Dear Committee Folks…

I've certainly missed getting together with everyone these last few months. The Military Appreciation Committee is one of the highlights of our calendar! Likewise, I've missed the events that were cancelled due to COVID-19. That said, we have two bits of news to share today.

First, Sandra reports that we received four nominations for the Colonel Robert Hawkins Veterans Volunteer Service Award. Of the four, two were for Lou Mascherino of Veterans Café (Rhonda was included in one). Two other individuals also were nominated. You'll recall that last year we brought the names to you at one of the committee meetings, and the group unanimously agreed that Kris "Turtle" Tourtellotte would be the 2019 recipient.

Without regular meetings, we've been pondering how best to make that decision this year, and would like to propose that since Mash was nominated twice, and in light of his efforts on behalf of the veterans community, that we name him as the 2020 recipient of the Bob Hawkins Award. Is that okay with everyone? If so, we'll schedule a time one next week

or the week after to go present the award to Mash at Veterans Café. We can let you know when, so that you might be able to join us, if you wish. Again, we're open to thoughts, but given the difficulties presented this year, we felt that Mash was an easy selection for the award. NOTE: The award is a surprise, so please don't share it prematurely!

Second, in lieu of the traditional Memorial Day Ceremony at the Convention Center, we've been putting together a video version of a ceremony, featuring some of the elements that you'd normally find. It won't be live; we're recording the speaking parts and musical selections and piecing them together into a program. That video will be made available on our Facebook page beginning at 11:00 a.m., Monday, May 25. You'll be able to watch it at any time after that. See https://www.facebook.com/myrtlebeachcitygovernment/. We'll also share it on the Military Appreciation Days page, too.

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