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James D. Oliveira

Councillor Ward One

April 07, 2016

The Honorable Thomas Hodgson
High Sheriff of Bristol County
400 Faunce Corner Road
Dartmouth, MA 02747

Dear Sheriff Hodgson:

This letter is being written with an additional request for your assistance with the placing of Flags at gravesites to honor deceased Veterans for Memorial Day.

I am requesting your further assistance on behalf of Ms. Helena Almeida, Commander of the Cape Verdean Veterans Organization. They are responsible for flagging approximately 1,450 Veterans graves at St. John's Cemetery on the New Bedford/Dartmouth line. The majority of the Veterans at the Verdean Vets are committed to maintaining the annual tradition of flagging graves of fallen comrades, the practice has become quite a task in light of the large number of graves that they are committed to marking.

It is with that concern, and with the knowledge of your commitment to our Veterans and the community-at-large, that I am requesting your assistance and the assistance of your prerelease work crews in marking these additional Veteran's graves this year.

The Veterans would like to arrange to schedule the work crews for the middle of the week of May 23-27 in order to allow sufficient time to complete the task, and be late enough in the week to discourage youths and vandals from removing the Flags prior to the Memorial Day Ceremonies.

As always, your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James D. Oliveira, Councillor Ward One
Vietnam-Era Veteran

JDO: rrr

cc: Ms. Helena Almeida, Commander
Cape Verdean Veterans Memorial Hall, 561 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
City Council Consent Agenda of April 14, 2016 (To be Received and Placed on File.)
Councillor Naomi R.A. Carney, Work Crew Administrator, Bristol County Sheriff's Dept.
400 Faunce Corner Road, No. Dartmouth, MA 02747
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