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James D. Oliveira
Councillor Ward One

April 13, 2017

The Honorable Thomas Hodgson
High Sheriff of Bristol County
400 Faunce Corner Road
No. 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 the Andrews-Dahill Post 1531 VFW. They are responsible for flagging Veterans graves at Oak Grove Cemetery in New Bedford. The majority of the Veterans 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 pre-release 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 22-26, in the afternoon, if possible, 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: Mr. Wallace Houtman, President, Andrews-Dahill Post 1531 VFW, 477 Park Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
Mr. Patrick Flynn, Adjutant, Andrews-Dahill Post 1531 VFW, 477 Park Street, New Bedford, MA 02740
City Council Consent Agenda of April 27, 2017. (To be Received and Placed on File.)
Councillor at Large Naomi R.A. Carney, Work Crew Administrator, Bristol County Sheriff's Dept.,
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