

MEMORANDUM

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To: Lake County Board of County Commissioners
From: Wendy Breeden, Public Resources Director
Date: October 5, 2009
Subject: Status of Loan of McTureous Medal of Honor

I wanted to give you an update on the status of the loan from the National Museum of Marine Corps of the McTureous Medal of Honor which has been on loan to the Lake County Historical Museum since 1999. In October, 2008, Dr. Diane Kamp received a memo from Stefan J. Rohal, Registrar, National Museum of the Marine Corps. The memo requested that Dr. Kamp process an Assurance of Compliance form and a Loan Agreement within a specified period; and complete a standard facilities report, "If your organization would like to continue loan of historic property..." According to Dr. Kamp the requirements were never met.

Over the past couple of weeks, Kathy Pagan, Tourism Specialist, has been in contact with Mr. Rohal and he has confirmed that the medal must be returned. Ms. Pagan is working with the National Museum of Marine Corps to secure a replica of the medal which the museum can keep on permanent display. Lake County must return the medal by October 31, 2009. The required return is in no way related to the elimination of the Curator position. It has also been determined that the medal was gifted, unconditionally, to the United States Marine Corps Museum by the McTureous Family on March 31, 1988.

Enclosed for your information and review are a Deed of Gift, memorandum dated 9/24/09 from Kathy Pagan, and a memorandum dated 10/14/08 from Registrar, National Museum of the Marine Corps. I believe it is in the best interest of Lake County to return the Pvt. Robert McTureous Medal of Honor in compliance with the Loan Agreement for Historical Property. Lake County has been honored to have loan of the medal for a ten year period, whereas the standard loan period is three years.

C: Sanford A Minkoff, Interim County Manager
Greg Mihalic, Tourism and Business Relations Director
Kathy Pagan, Tourism Specialist