



County of Door VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

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NOTE: These minutes have not been approved by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next meeting.

7 Jan 20

SUBJECT: Meeting minutes for the Veterans Service Commission, 7 Jan 20.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Bill Becker, Commissioner Bill Karas,
Commissioner Bob Gamble.

1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS.

The meeting was called to order at 1100.

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS READ.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of the 8 Oct 19 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. CVSO REPORT.

The CVSO reported that more information was going to be provided regarding the implantation of Delta Co. in Door County. During the Council meeting at 1330, there would be more information presented. The CVSO passed out information on the new criteria for veterans to be able to use the commissary and other services provided on posts and bases nationwide. The CVSO shared that currently there were no crisis situations or homeless veterans that we were assisting at this present time. The CVSO explained again to the Commissioners that a new financial assistance form will be used when needy veterans come into the office seeking financial help.

5. COMMISSION AID.

Balance as of the 7 Jan 20 meeting was \$320.32. \$11,419.27 (balance as of the 8 Oct 19 meeting was \$11,419.27). It was discussed that the remainder of the money may be able to be spent down before January 20th. Chairman Becker asked if we had gas cards and food cards on hand to give out to needy veterans. The CVSO explained that those were purchased through the Veterans Service Council. The office supply for those is running low so more will be purchased in the near future. There are no financial needy veterans' requests pending.

6. OPEN FORUM/DISCUSSION.

Chairman Becker shared that during the WSACVSC annual conference it was discussed that commissioners should be an integral part of the disbursement of financial needs. Chairman Becker reiterated that the CVSO can inform the veteran that the decision of whether to approve or deny financial assistance to a veteran or their family member can come directly from the Commission members. The CVSO should remain the neutral mediator during the process, therefore taking the pressure or burden from the CVSO if the decision to grant financial assistance is denied. This should prevent conflict or diminish negative perceptions regarding the CVSO.

VA update regarding Blue Water Navy Legislation was shared to the members. More information will be provided at a later date. The VA has not established any new directives regarding the recent change in legislation.

Veterans Day "Salute to Veterans" Dinner was discussed. Proceeds from the dinner's raffle drawing were donated to the Veterans Service County to help launch Delta Co.

Veterans Day Ceremonies were held on Monday, 11 Nov 19 at Southern Door High School gymnasium at 0930, The ceremony was coordinated and hosted by American Legion post 372. CVSO attended the Veterans Day Ceremony on Washington Island at 1030 and a meet and greet was held after the ceremony for the Island veterans to meet new CVSO.

Christmas Dinner was held at the VFW Clubhouse on Wednesday, 25 Dec 19 at 1300. The meal was put together by Mrs. Sally Werkheiser and her family. Attendance was lower this year than it has been in the past

The purpose and upcoming implementation of Delta Co. throughout Door County was discussed with the members. The CVSO explained the importance of a transitional program for veterans and their family members currently residing in the county. The local United States Coast Guard units should be notified about Delta Co. to benefit the sailors that will be separating in the near future.

7. NEXT MEETING TIME AND PLACE.

Tues, 14 Apr 20 at 1100 in the CVSO office.

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 1200.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

Beth M. Wartella, Door County Veterans Service Officer.