



## 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 2020

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Vice Chairman Bob Gamble, Bill Forry, Alan Kintopf, Bill Becker, Joe Knaapen, Bob Malzahn, Paul Klapatch, Deb Logerquist, and Dale Wiegand. Mark Nielsen from Senator Johnson's office, Rick Sense from Congressman Gallagher's office, Robert Stearns the Kewaunee County Veterans Service Officer, and the VORP Representative from WDVA, Ken Corry were in attendance. The President of the Greater Door County Catholic Parrish Planning Committee, Bill Sauve was in attendance along with Ron White. Nathan LeClair, Assistant CVSO also attended.

### 1. OPENING AND INTRODUCTIONS.

The meeting was called to order at 1330.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of the 8 Oct 19 meeting were unanimously approved.

Add item on the current agenda. Correction under item A, add G. Bayside cemetery flag issue.

### 4. CORRESPONDENCE AND COMMUNICATIONS.

No correspondence or communications.

### 5. FINANCIAL REPORT.

Balance as of the 7 Jan 20 meeting: \$15,213.83 (balance as of the 8 Oct 19 meeting was \$11,419.27). Received donations from two local golf events that totaled in \$4,300. Provided rental assistance, vehicle repair, and furnace repair to several needy veterans. In November a large purchase of Econo Foods \$50.00 gift

certificates totaling in \$1,000 to replenish our food certificate supply. Gas cards were purchased to replenish the gas card supply. After Veterans Day a donation of \$510.00 was received from the Peninsula Symphonic Band for the Veterans Day Concert at Prince of Peace. A donation from the proceeds of the Salute to Veterans Day Dinner was deposited, totaling \$1,003.75. Money was donated by the Everson Family on behalf of Fran Everson's funeral for \$265.00. Numerous deposits/expenditures occurred throughout the quarter, which are documented in both the check register and the Veterans Service Council binder.

## 6. POST REPORTS.

AMVETS Post 51 – CDR Bill Forry.

American Legion Post 372 – VSCncl Representative Alan Kintopf.

American Legion Post 527 – CDR Bill Becker.

MCL DET1130 – CDR Paul Klapatch.

American Legion – CDR Deb Logerquist.

VFW Post 3088 – CDR Joe Knaapen.

## 7. CVSO REPORT.

The CVSO shared with the Council a packet of information that provides directives and guideline for Veterans who want to use the commissaries, exchanges and other services on military installations throughout the country. CVSO shared with the council members the new financial assistance form that will be used when needy veterans come into the office seeking financial help.

## 8. OLD BUSINESS.

The Blue Water Navy Legislation was discussed and CVSO shared an overview of what procedures the office has been taking to prepare for this new demographic of veterans. Kewaunee CVSO explained some of the correspondence that he has received regarding the new Blue Water Navy Legislation

The CVSO explained that the 501(c)(3) for the Veterans Service Council is up for its annual renewal and that we are working with Attorney James Downey to submit that information to the appropriate state and federal departments.

The CVSO reminded everyone that the 2020 dues will be \$100.

Veterans Day "Salute to Veterans" Dinner was held on Saturday, 9 Nov 19 at Corpus Christi. CVSO invited Bill Sauve to provide a recap of the event. Mr. Sauve expressed his gratitude and thanks to all the veterans and post members in attendance that supported the dinner and helped make it such a successful event. Planning for the third annual dinner at Corpus Christi will begin in March.

A Veterans Day Ceremony was held on Monday, 11 Nov 19 at Southern Door High School gymnasium and was hosted by American Legion post 372. CVSO attended the Veterans Day Ceremony on Washington Island and provided an overview of the

ceremony. A meet and greet was conducted 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. It was noted that if this event is planned in the future, the Werkheiser family can work directly with VFW Post 3088 to organize the meal and publicity for the event.

The Bayside Cemetery flagpole issue was discussed. A letter drafted by CDR Logerquist for the Cemetery Board was shared with members of the council. The question of whether to pass a motion and vote on the appropriate responsibilities between the post and those of the cemetery was discussed. It was decided that a vote was not needed at this time. If there were any more issues that evolved after the letter was sent to the Bayside Cemetery Board, the CVSO will reach out directly to CDR Joe Knaapen or CDR Deb Logerquist.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS.

CVSO shared a PowerPoint presentation on the implementation of Delta Co. and explained the importance and benefit this initiative could potentially have for Door County veterans and their family members. At this time, listening sessions have been scheduled during the month of March and April to solidify what the current needs of the veterans residing in Door County are. After the CVSO and ACVSO determine the current needs, Delta Co. will officially be launched.

Discussion took place regarding the Armed Forces Day Breakfast and the decision to look at the breakfast being held at a different venue next year due to the declining amount of available volunteers.

The CVSO reminded everyone that if they knew of someone who would be an appropriate key note speaker at the Memorial Day Ceremony for 2020, that they should notify the CVSO or ACVSO as soon as possible. The rotation regarding the refreshments and rifle squad were discussed.

#### 10. NEXT MEETING TIME AND PLACE.

Tues, 14 Apr 20 at 1330 in the Chambers Room.

#### 11. MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 1520.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

Beth M. Wartella, Door County Veterans Service Officer.