

## **MEETING – VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES**

COMMITTEE: VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION  
DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015  
TIME: 3:00 P.M.  
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY BOARD ROOM

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and read the agenda.

### **ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Chaney, Savard, Bocek, Laabs  
Others Present: Robb Koplien & Alyson Wagoner

### **APPROVE AGENDA**

Motion by Savard to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Chaney, all present voting AYE.  
Motion carried.

### **APPROVE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 15, 2015 MEETING**

Motion by Chaney to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2015 meeting, seconded by Laabs. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

### **DONATION UPDATE**

The VFW donated \$800 to the Veterans’ Service Office to help Veterans in need. The VSO deposited that money into the donation account. The Nolden Family makes Veteran Bugs for people to purchase. All the proceeds are donated to the Veteran Service Offices in Wisconsin. The Veterans’ Service Officer purchase food cards and gas cards to disperse to Veterans who stop in the office and are in need with the \$700 the Nolden Family donated. The Veterans’ Service Officer has sold around 15 Veteran Bugs.

### **JOB POSTING AREA**

The VSO has created a job posting area outside the door of the Veterans’ Service Office. The VSO receives emails with job positions available in the area, so he posts them on the board.

### **VETERAN’S CHOICE CARD**

The VSO handed out a News Release regarding VA Expands Choice Program Eligibility, Effective Immediately. This information was sent out to all Veterans who were eligible for the Veterans’ Choice Card

### **COMMISSION TRAVEL & MEETING REIMBURSEMENT**

At one time, the Commission & Committee was reimbursed for gas mileage when he/she attended the meetings. The VSO will reimburse for gas mileage, but will be paying the mileage at the end of the year in one lump sum. The VSO will back track to October 16, 2014 meeting.

### **VIETNAM VETERANS WEEK JUNE 8-15 CAMP AMERICAN LEGION**

Their mission is to provide rest and recuperation to all Wisconsin veterans, military service members, and their family. The resort provides 21 fully furnished cabins, complete dining facility, boats and fishing, off site excursions, etc. Information is posted by the Veterans’ Service Office. They have different weeks available for the veterans, military service members, and their families to go to. There is no cost to the veterans, military service members, or their family.

#### DAV VAN/ONEIDA COUNTY – 2014 NUMBERS

For the year of 2014 the number of veterans who utilized the DAV van service in Forest County was zero. Veterans need to start utilizing the DAV van. Information for the DAV is posted outside the Veterans' Service Office. Veterans need to call the week before their appointment and schedule with the DAV van. This way the DAV van knows to stop in the Veterans' town.

#### ALL OTHER ISSUES

The Veterans' Service Officer asked if the cemetery flags were purchased yearly by the Veterans' Service Office or if the former VSO just donated the flags in the year of 2013. It was told that those flags were donated with the donation money and were not purchased every year by the Veterans' Service Office.

The VSO asked who was in charge of the Memorial in the courthouse yard. The Commission & Committee answered that Diane Joyner was the President, Ronnie Roberts is the Vice President, and Marge Bocek is the Secretary. The VSO mentioned that a couple people had asked if there is a way for the committee of the Memorial to fix the plaques with the names on them and the flag that hangs. Diane is the person to contact when new plaques need to be ordered. If there are any complaints/suggestions, Alois Bocek said he can be contacted.

The VSO will be out of the office for a mandatory national conference from May 31 – June 5.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Savard to adjourn, seconded by Laabs. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.