

MEETING – VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION MINUTES

COMMITTEE: VETERANS’ SERVICE COMMITTEE & COMMISSION
DATE: WEDNESDAY, August 12, 2015
TIME: 3:00 P.M.
PLACE: FOREST COUNTY UW EXTENSION OFFICE ROOM #209

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chaney, Laabs, and Blank
Others Present: Robb Koplien & Alyson Wagoner

APPROVE AGENDA

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

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 13, 2015 MEETING

Motion by Laabs to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2015 meeting, seconded by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried.

IRON MOUNTAIN VAMC UPDATE – EMERGENT/URGENT CARE

The Emergency Room that they had in Iron Mountain is now changed to Urgent Care. Veterans can still go there, but if it is something the staff there cannot assist the Veteran with, they will stabilize you and send you to Dickinson County.

2015 WDVA/CVSO GRANT

The grant through the WDVA that the VSO applied for was received in the amount of \$8,500 on June 26, 2015. There are some changes that are going to be made to this grant next year. The VSO will keep the Committee & Commission updated on what those changes will be when he learns of them.

NACVSO ACCREDITATION INFO

The VSO completed a course/training from June 1-5. It was for the National County Veterans Service Organization. It allows the VSO to be accredited through the DAV and other organizations that serve Veterans throughout the USA.

RELEASE OF NAMES & ADDRESSES INFO – RECENTLY DISCHARGED

The VSO sent a letter to Veterans’ Affairs in Washington D.C. requesting names and address of Veterans that have been discharged and have come back to Forest County that the VSO does not know about, so he can reach out to them and let them know what benefits he/she is eligible for. They wrote back to the VSO and they are going to send the VOS labels from the last couple years and will continue to send the VSO update address labels every six months.

SPECIAL MILITARY SOCIAL SECURITY RATES

For the most part most Veterans who are receiving social security are already receiving this benefit. It still is something Veterans should probably check to verify that he/she is receiving this benefit.

DONATION UPDATES

Jeff Kau – Subway donated \$100. Three families donated \$65 in memory of Richard Pheiffer.

COMMISSION TRAVEL & MEETING REIMBURSEMENT

The VSO is going to pay the Commission Travel & Meeting Reimbursement out to the members.

COMMISSION BOARD MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

A couple spots are open with the Commission. Gable Cundiff and Dan Papapetru are interested in filling those positions. The VSO would like a person from each Veterans organization to participate on the Commission. Everyone present agreed that they believe that would be a good idea.

ALL OTHER ISSUES

Blank mentioned that he has spoke with several Veterans who have all commented on what a great job the VSO has done in the past year.

Next meeting will be sometime in December 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion by Laabs to adjourn, seconded by Chaney. All present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.