

Meeting - Veteran's Service Committee & Commission Minutes

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee & Commission

Date: Thursday October 17th

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Place: Forest County Board Room #107

Call to Order

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

Roll Call

Members Present: Bocek, Spaude, Papapetru, Chaney & Savard.

Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien

Approve Agenda

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

Motion carried

Approve Minutes of the Meeting

Motion by Savard, to approve minutes of the Tuesday June 11th 2019 meeting, seconded by Chaney, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

DAV Van Update

VSO reports that so far in 2019, twenty- three veterans have ridden the DAV van that travels though Forest County twice a week. VSO states that equates to approximately \$1,070 in travel pay saved. VSO reports that all numbers provided are confirmed by the Oneida County Veteran Service office where the DAV van is located, organized and maintained.

VA Mission Act Update

VSO reports as of August 2nd, 2019, the only VA authorized In-Network Urgent Care facilities within 50 miles of Forest County are: The Marshfield Clinics Urgent Care facility in Minocqua, Aspirus locations of Forest County Potawatomi, Rhinelander & Antigo. Be sure to let them know that you are utilizing your VA benefit. The most up to date list of In-Network Urgent Care facilities is available online @ <https://vaurgentcarelocator.triwest.com/Locator/Care>.

Veteran Parking Approval Request

VSO request approval of veteran parking sign purchase and placement on the southwest side of the Forest County Courthouse. VSO reports that some of his widows, elderly and or service connected veterans don't have disabled parking passes and have to park away long distances during busy court days. VSO reports many times the disabled parking spots by the sidewalk are open during the peak periods. VSO also states that this would also give easier access to the southwest entrance where the

VSO has an intercom and camera view. Savard makes a motion, seconded by Cheney to approve a designated Veteran parking location. Chaney states he'll speak with County Clerk Matuszewski to propose resolution to create or change an existing parking location for veterans only.

CVSAO Member Certificate

VSO reports that while attending CVSOA Fall Conference in Madison last month he received a five-year continuous member certificate. VSO states that the certificate merits the honor of being cited for exceptional & meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to Veterans and their families.

Iron Mountain VAMC Town Hall Crandon

VSO reports that on November 5th at 5:00 p.m. the Iron Mountain VAMC will be putting on a Town Hall at the Crandon American Legion Post 94. VSO states that the presentation will be provided to give Veteran update of changes & services provided at the Iron Mountain VAMC location. VSO explains that the leadership from Iron Mountain VAMC are the presenters and will listen to comments and concerns.

VORP Update

VSO reports that the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs has a new Outreach & Recovery Program agent for this region. VSO states that Todd Marks replaced Sarah Thorsberg this summer after she found different employment. VSO explains that he works closely with VORP in regards to homeless or displaced veterans in Forest County or one travelling through. VSO states that VORP has provided homeless back packs equipped with blanket, hygiene products & daily need items. Commission Member Bocek requests that this info be forwarded to local churches. VSO advised that he'll forward this info to the proper church officials.

Public Comments

NONE

Adjournment

There being no further business, Motion by Savard to adjourn, seconded by Chaney, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.