

MEETING - VETERAN'S SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Committee: Veteran's Service Committee

Date: Thursday February 27th

Time: 11:00 A.M.

Place: County Board Room #107

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Chaney called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and read the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE MOMENT OF SILENCE POW/MIA

All those in attendance recited the pledge and observed a moment of silence for POW/MIA.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Chaney, Wirtz, Bocek & Alsteen

Others Present: VSO Robert Koplien

APPROVE AGENDA

Motion by Alsteen to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Wirtz, all present voting AYE.

Motion carried

APPROVE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING ON OCTOBER 22ND 2024

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

Motion carried

RECOGNITION OF THE RECENTLY FALLEN

VSO reads off list off four fallen veterans and a Gold Star mother since last meeting on October 22nd 2024.

VAMC TOWN HALL LAONA COMMUNITY CENTER

VSO reports that on Wednesday February 12th at 2:00 p.m. he assisted the Iron Mountain VAMC with a presentation on VA Healthcare, update on PACT Act and listened to any comments and concerns. VSO reports that sixteen veterans / dependents were in attendance.

WI CVSO ASSOCIATION OF WI RECOGNITION

VSO reports the he was recently recognized for 10 years commendable service in the association. VSO explains that being part of the associated & attending conference all over the state is vital for keeping updated with constant changes in VHA – Veterans Health Administration and the VBA – Veterans Benefit Administration.

MULTI COUNTY VETERAN'S EXPO

VSO reports that on April 30th a multi-county veterans expo is being held in Rhinelander Wi at the Hodag Dome. VSO explains that vendors from all over the state will be set up to give attendees information on various things that pertain to veteran benefits or related. VSO report that veteran service offices from Oneida, Forest, Lincoln, Vilas, Langlade & Iron will be on hand to answer questions and concerns .

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WDVA GRANT UPDATE

VSO reports that in January all applications have been submitted for the annual WDVA grant. VSO reports the grant amount is \$11688.

WICVSO SPRING CONFERENCE

VSO states that May 5th – 9th he will be attending WICVOA Conference in Superior Wi. VSO reports that the office will be closed during that time period but he will be monitoring emails and phone messages.

POTAWATOMI VETERANS POST 1

VSO reports that on Monday February 1st @ 3:00 he attended a Veteran Post 1 meeting at the old tribal hall in Stone Lake. VSO states he brought 2025 Federal Benefit booklets, business cards, pens & VA Healthcare information. VSO also states he provided post members a brief on benefits he can assist with to include detailed information on disability compensation & presumptive diseases associated with Camp Lejeune, Vietnam & Gulf War toxic exposures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Wirtz asked about WWII statue and progress? VSO reports that the project is moving forward & he's been informed the project organizer and funder Earl Cummings Jr. is working directly with Jeff Krueger. VSO additionally states that they hope the project will be completed before Memorial Day 2025 which is earlier than anticipated. VSO also states per Jill Krueger that Mr. Cummings is organizing the Memorial Day Service and unveiling of statue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Motion by Alsteen to adjourn, seconded by Wirtz, all present voting AYE. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.