

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF Feb 14, 2022

Commissioners		
Dave Hyatt	President	Present
Christine Santiago-Foos	Vice President	Present
John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Ric Ray	Member	Present
Merlin Reimer	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Scott Leonard	Acting Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest:		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt AT 1731.

McAllister read the minutes from the Jan 24th meeting at 1732. Hyatt motioned, Santiago-Foos 2nd at 1736 5-0 VOTE To approve the minutes; with one correction (Move proper items under executive session).

OLD BUSINESS: No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Rey Cordero briefed the commission on capturing data using the website activity. Only the reception area is using the documentation. Direct phone calls are not logged currently. Santiago -Foos discussed adding the other phone calls into the data for future use. Software "retrospect" was referenced in the discussion.

Hyatt brought up having a 2nd person (Backup) to know how to create the data recovery (Back up to Ray).

DIRECTOR OF VETERAN SERVICES REPORT - Acting Director Scott Leonard

Briefed on well-being of director Galligher regarding his deployment

He reminded everyone to come in for a benefits check especially if service connected and you have a spouse. Can also complete a claims review.

Transportation section has grown immensely. It is a critical program for accessing care!

Reported the new vehicle arrived and Demand response calls are increasing.

Hyatt asked - weather, what is the policy? Level 3 - not open Level 2 case by case - Level 1 case by case.

Radio 610 and 700 heard radio spots - sounds good

Spectrum needs to remove the comment "over 10,000 veteran a year are served."

Financial officer was asked to discuss financial updates:

Change in the Federal poverty guidelines - increase around 5%

Asked the commission to make suggestions on how to improve section to include reporting of information

Identified that Burials per ORC require Commission involvement regardless. AS for a motion to allow the Veteran Services to act on their behalf for a quick turnaround

Motion (Rick Ray) "To allow the director / Deputy Director to approve burial expenditures up to the amount that the ORC stipulates in the appropriate section" Discussion: None Vote: 5-0

OTHER MEETING DISCUSSION

Hyatt had a couple of ideas to ponder

Add a chat function to the website

Accessibility of veterans - consider extending hours more than 8-4 on certain days and run a 1/2 day on Saturdays. This should be done by building in the coverage and /no overtime

Rey brought up benefit booklets and adding them to the new thumb drives that are being given out as free items. Good idea to have them available for the fair in September.

Question posed: can other organizations events be posted on the Veteran's services website. Answer - yes, get the information to Rey Cordero.

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REGULAR MEETING OF Feb 28th, 2022

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John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Ric Ray	Member	Present
Merlin Reimer	Member	Present
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Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence – Ukrainian Crisis

McAllister read the minutes from the Feb 14th Commission Meeting – 1733 hrs.

MOTION – to approve the minutes 1740hrs. 1st McAllister 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 Vote

OLD BUSINESS

May 9th's commission meeting is advertised on website

Sandwich boards – asked for input from the commission. Spend 200-250 dollars. Should we just purchase or see it beforehand? Two are needed. An example will be brought in to look at Check out www.Smartsigns.com If not purchased in time, make arrangements to borrow from another Organization.

Thumb Drives - Discussion regarding this project. Is this project worth it when it is felt that most will delete the info in the first place? Suggest to develop a sticker and place on the

USB as information. Want them to hand out – and for the Delco Fair.

Back up Data - The backup to Rey Cordero should be Director Galligher. Until he returns, Delaware County I T department can serve appropriately. A third person May be identified.

F/A mission Court – Discussed further regarding providing F/A to mission court only to be in good standing with the court. This conversation led to a question if they eligible for F/A is they are a non-resident. Per Policy, the Social Service officer and judge must both approve. Furthermore, DCVSO must contact with the veteran's home county to confirm double dipping or if the home county elects to assist.

Driver Training – Delaware Area Transit Authority will be providing a class in vehicle driver program enhancing the safety aspect of the drivers. Questions – what is this going to cost?

NEW BUSINESS

Mash Pantry will be supported by a function by Am vets Post 102 on March 5th from 5-8 Pizza and sub night

American Legion having an event supporting Sarah Moore Flags March 9th at 7 pm at the American Legion

Question – Can direct assistance be given to a post? The post can receive funds if it is direct relation to supporting a program.

Discussed developing a scholarship program and providing a grant opportunity.

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John Crouse - visitor Thanked the veteran services for allowing him to use the computers for his veterans related items.

Actionable items:

1. Advertise appropriately the May 9th commission meeting at a different site.
2. Purchase a reusable sandwich board to advertise meetings and other important events.
3. Review and develop a snow emergency policy for transportation
4. Identify a backup person for data recovery.
5. Discuss adding information to thumb drives that are handed out. Purchase more for the fair.
6. Discuss F/A clients from mission court, should they be in good standing with court to qualify for assistance?

Motion - Executive Session - 1842

AWARDED BY THE FINANCIAL OFFICER

Veteran #1 awarded \$1,649.63 for rent and utilities; Meijer Gift Card Program.

Veteran #2 awarded \$3,435.00 for rent and stopping eviction process; Meijer Gift Card Program.

Veteran#3 awarded \$951.32 for mortgage, utilities, and car repair.

Veteran #4 awarded \$1768.70 for Rent, utilities, and car payment; Meijer Gift Card Program.

Veteran #5 awarded \$565.61 for propane, sewer, electric; Meijer Gift Card Program.

Veteran #6 awarded \$1,894.25 for mortgage, insurance. Utilities; Meijer Gift Card Program.

Veteran #7 awarded \$1611.67 for Moving expenses, utilities.

Veteran #8 awarded \$1000.00 for rent.

Veteran # 9 see below

Veteran #10 \$562.32 for burial expenses

Veteran #11 awarded Meijer Gift Card program.

Veteran # 12 awarded Meijer Gift Card program.

VOTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS

Veteran #9 was seen last month - successful update with the services provided to this individual.

MOTION - OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION - 1920

MCALLISTER MOTIONED, Reimer 2ND TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 1922, 5-0 VOTE.

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In development – a women's social group – lead will be Karen from DCVSO. Hoping to have more details soon. Probably an evening event with a first meeting in April / May.

Military Hall Of Fame of Valor – Delaware County's very own Franklin Moore will be receiving the recognition on April 22nd at 11 am at the Ohio State House.

Received brief messages from Brian – Working 14 hr. days. All is good, just very busy.

Actionable items:

1. What is DATA going to charge for teaching the drivers training class?
2. Is a Veteran on Mission Court eligible for F/A if not a resident?
3. Follow up on motion from executive session:
 - A. receive an estimate for Veteran #6
 - B. can specific funds be spent legally for Veteran #6

MOTION – Executive Session – Enter – 1827hrs.

1st - Hyatt 2nd – Ray 5-0
vote

Financial Officer provided an activity report on 6 veterans

Commission heard 1 request

Motion - Executive Session – OUT – 1842hrs.

1st – McAllister 2nd – Ray 5-0
vote

Executive Session outcome:

Gift Cards:

3 veterans were given gift cards

Financial Assistance

6 veterans qualified for F/A.

Veteran #1 received - \$1,141.92

Veteran #2 received - \$ 130.76

Veteran #3 received - \$1,269.35

Veteran #4 received - \$1,135.00

Veteran #5 received - \$1,548.00

Veteran #6 received- \$1,291.27

Dental Program

No Report

Commission Assistance

Veteran #6 requested more than the Social Service Officer could provide so the commission reviewed documentation and had an extensive dialogue to come to the following motion:

MOTION – To assist Veteran #6 by providing funds totaling \$2,285.67 and to receive a formal estimate/ invoice for the expected work. Also, to confirm that the additional funds can be spent legally. The social service officer is to report back at the next meeting.

1st – Ray 2nd Reimer 5-0 vote

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

No Report

MOTION - TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 1939 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 vote