

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF June 13th, 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		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest:		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt AT 1732.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

McAllister read the minutes from the May 9th Commission Meeting – 1733 hrs.

MOTION – to approve the minutes with minor changes

(Correct spelling, fix math on activity report) 1737hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote

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Financial Activity Report:

Social Service Officer - Activity Report						2022		
DATES of report May 24 thru Jun 12								
Veteran	Meijer Card	Dental	Financial Assistance	Comm	Amt Aprvd	Burial	Annual #	Lifetime
1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 922.83	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	3	\$ 2,955.82
2	\$ 200.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2	\$ 11,471.58
3	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ 350.15	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	4	\$ 4,666.47
4	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0	\$ 7,362.63
5	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 831.64	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	2	\$ 4,939.90
6	\$ 400.00		\$ 214.11	-	-	-	1	\$ 214.11
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	Total	Total	Total		Total	Total		
	\$ 1,400.00	\$ -	\$ 2,318.73		\$ -	\$ -		
		Total exp - This month					Total exp - Year	
		\$ 3,718.73					\$112,849.31	

OLD BUSINESS

A 50 inch TV was placed at the Willis Building. No electric as the site currently, maintenance is routing it. The presentation was set up and playing at the meeting for commissioners to comment. They noticed some grammatical errors that will be addressed by Director Galligher.

Vietnam wall- a brief discussion ensued whereas input was given to potential locations. Director Galligher will be working with another group with Mr. Crile (in attendance) to collaborate on this project. More to come.

AARP – Director Galligher interviewed the AARP rep and during that interview regarding internships he recognized that this program would not work for Veteran Services.

Flag Day – John McAllister reported they had 5 barrels instead of their normal 3 used. The amount of flags were many more than usual. It was reported that Berlin Twp. turned in numerous flags. They were all folded neatly showing a level of respect to the flag that did not go unnoticed. This discussion also brought to the foreground that Flag day is June 14th 2022

After action report – The veteran who received financial support from last meeting came in as requested. However, the spouse was not in attendance but did complete the following: Discussed other services available, provided contact information to reach out for additional support, Rey Cordero became their POA for VA connection and assisting in streamlining the overall process. Also recommended to reach out to the Social Security Office in Marion and Service Organizations in Delaware County.

NEW BUSINESS

A local group “Sons of Amvets 102” is collaborating with Veterans Services to provide Delco Transit passes for Veterans to use when needing transportation.

Delaware County Fair – it is reported that some of the organizations that had displays in previous years are not participating due in part because of the gas prices. A discussion developed if Veterans Services could offset the cost of fuel by providing funding for these organizations. Director Galligher was going to look into this.

Aug 7th 2022 – AMVETS will be hosting a family oriented fair type activity hoping to get people out and enjoying the summer as a family.

Stockhands Veterans Night - Twice a month, this organization host an event for veterans that is designed to help veterans. The cost of each evening is \$1500.00. These are scheduled twice per month but are subject to change due to many variables to include weather related issues. A discussion opened to see if Veterans Services could assist financially with supporting the program for Veterans.

MOTION: Veteran Services to cover the cost of a Veterans Night (\$1,500.00), up-to twice per month (Total-\$3,000.00) for the rest of the year (End of 2022) and then be re-evaluated.

1st McAllister 2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

Fairview Cemetery – discussion, Berlin Twp. has taken responsibility and has found a host of problems. One being that remains were not placed in proper plots. Fixing this problem is costly and the discussion was if Veterans Services could / would help to offset this cost. After a lengthy discussion, the Commission agreed that Director Galligher report back that this Delaware County Commissioners should become involved.

Connect with homebound veterans – discussion ensued regarding finding veterans who are homebound and need some interaction/ friendship/ companionship. Discussed hiring a part time person to go around and meet with these identified individuals. An idea presented – Veteran’s organizations will notified via the VSC’s, a representative will link up with the DCVSO, the rep will go visit these veterans, and then follow up with the DCVSO. Director Galligher will be working on a list for the VSC’s.

Financial Aid Policy review- Reviewed the first 5 pages. Director Galligher is to make changes as requested and send back out for additional review.

Activities: Director Galligher reported on numerous things the office has been involved with, they are:

AMVETS conference, VVA Conference, local American Legion, First Fridays, Leon’s Garage, Memorial Day

Lewis Center Church, Jim Jordan visited DCVS office.

Actionable items

- 1. Update Powerpoint for Willis Building**
- 2. Work with group to bring mobile Vietnam wall**
- 3. Gather list of Veterans who require visitors/ check in’s.**

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

John Crouse walks the cemeteries Veterans sections and has noticed a lot of un-kept sights. Reporting them to Director Galligher – working on one site to fix soon.

Oakgrove Cemetery veteran section flags are placed in a swamp – Director Galligher has spoken with City of Delaware Administration and they are aware and agree that it can be improved. Future talks and decision forthcoming.

Next Meeting: June 27th @ 91 N. Sandusky beginning at 1730 hrs.

MOTION - TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 1955 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 vote

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Ric Ray	Member	Present
Merlin Reimer	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Guest:		
Andrew Apostolec		Present
2 Veterans for commission request		Present

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Hyatt AT 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

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MOTION – to approve the minutes with minor changes

(Correct “Sons of Amvets 102 and change memorial day to flag day) 1737hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote

MOTION – to enter into Executive Session – 1739 hrs.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister 5-0 vote

MOTION – to return to regular session – 1829 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Reimer 5-0 vote

MOTION – 22-0627-01-V7

**Pay up to \$3,995.00 for HVAC replacement with the option to pick who installs from
The two estimates received.**

1st Santiago – Foos 2nd Reimer 5-0 vote

MOTION – 22-0627-02-V5

Give \$2,096.03 to pay for rent and car payment. Including a waiver for an additional Request in an annual cycle. Also to provide up to \$800.00 of Meijer cards to be added to Their lifetime award.

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

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PRESENTATION: 1842 hrs. Thru 1917 hrs.

Andrew Apostolec gave the commission a presentation titled: "Transportation update 2022"

This information covered that specifics of previous, current, and projected data regarding the transportation program overseen by Veteran Services.

OLD BUSINESS

A 50 inch TV was placed at the Willis Building. Still waiting on electricity to be run. No change.

Vietnam wall- a Kick off meeting occurred where all interested parties are in synch with objectives. Potential sites discussed. Follow up meeting to be scheduled. Short term goal is to have application by the end of July. Anyone interested in knowing more – search "The wall that heals"

Project of identifying veterans who need checked in on – List is still being compiled and will be given to area veteran organizations to complete this task as needed.

WPAFB – future project (bus to WPAFB) found a 30 passenger bus that charges 110.00/ hr. to rent.

Motts Museum – offset fuel costs so they can participate in events in Delaware. Called to discuss and no call back as of yet.

NEW BUSINESS

Women Veterans meeting – Christine Santiago- Foos attended the First meeting- went well. Karen Kish organized a women's veterans group that had about 15 to 20 women in attendance. Brian gave a quick "elevator speech" on what Veteran Services provides the community and words of encouragement for this ground breaking group to continue and grow. Thanks to Karen Kish and Constance Piwtorak for working on this project.

Financial Aid Policy review- Reviewed up to page 9. Director Galligher is to make changes as requested and send back out for additional review.

Activities: Director Galligher reported on upcoming events:

Jun 30- Leones Garage

Jun 30 – Budget Meeting – County Commissioners

July 1 - First Friday

July 2- Columbus Zoo

Payroll – New Online tool available, may go to it to make payroll easier complete.

Alpha Group – home projects? Still waiting to see what they provide officially.

Actionable items:

1. Update Willis building
2. Update Wall that Heals
3. Provide List of Veterans needing Check in
4. Bus to WPAFB – update on project?
5. Continue with F/A policy review
6. Alpha Group / Juvenile Court – home projects discussion.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER

John Crouse – HAPPY 4th of July!

Next Meeting: July 11th @ 91 N. Sandusky beginning at 1730 hrs.

MOTION - TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 2031 hrs.

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