

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF February 13, 2023

<b>Commissioners</b>		
Merlin Reimer - President		<b>Present</b>
John McAllister – Vice President		<b>Present</b>
Christine Santiago-Foos - Secretary		<b>Present</b>
Dave Hyatt - Member		<b>Present</b>
Richard Ray - Member		<b>Present</b>
<b>Veteran Services</b>		
Brian Galligher Director		<b>Absent</b>
Wm. Piwtorak Social Services		<b>Present</b>
<b>Guest(s):</b>		

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** President Reimer at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Santiago Foos read the minutes from the January 23th Commission Meeting – 1733 hrs.

**MOTION – 23-0213-01 to approve the minutes from Jan 23th with minor changes 1736 hrs.**

1<sup>st</sup> Ray                                      2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister                                      5-0 Vote

**MOTION – 23-0213-02 enter into executive session 1738 hrs.**

1<sup>st</sup> Santiago Foos                                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                                      5-0 Vote

Discussed Financial Assistance for one veteran

**MOTION – 23-0213-03 Exit executive session and return to public session 1845 hrs.**

1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt                                      2<sup>nd</sup> Ray                                      5-0 Vote

Back in public session:

**MOTION – 23-0213-04 Approve to pay Veteran redacted two months car payment for his wife’s car and two months car payment for his car. Additionally enough Meijer cards to meet his life-time award allowance**

1<sup>st</sup> Santiago-Foos                                      2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister                                      4-1 vote

**FINANCIAL (Redacted)**

		Social Service Officer - Activity Report (official)					2023					
		January										
#	Denied	Veteran	F/A	Comm	Approved	Meijer	Dental	Burial	Hotel	Annual #	Lifetime req	Lifetime \$\$
1			\$1,569.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	3.00	\$9,302.62
2			\$1,138.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	4.00	7.00	\$6,309.54
3			\$0.00	\$750.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	1.00	0.00	\$750.00
4			\$1,552.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$417.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	0.00	\$1,742.33
5			\$0.00	\$1,568.00	\$1,568.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	0.00	\$4,539.07
6			\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	5.00	0.00	\$5,616.27
7			\$950.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$0.00	1.00	0.00	\$950.00
8			\$817.83	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	3.00	0.00	\$1,594.14
9			\$1,481.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00	0.00	\$1,481.90
10			\$1,281.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	32.00	\$11,991.85
11			\$0.00	\$4,114.94	\$4,114.94	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	5.00	8.00	\$10,165.19
12			\$330.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	3.00	\$1,681.50
13			\$0.00	\$4,315.00	\$4,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	2.00	2.00	\$4,722.00
14			\$1,309.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	3.00	3.00	\$11,130.68
15			\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1.00	0.00	\$300.00
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			\$ 10,731.21	\$ 11,147.94	\$ 11,682.94	\$ 3,200.00	\$ 417.00	\$950.00	\$750.00			\$72,277.09
			<b>Total exp - This month</b>						<b>Total exp - Year</b>			
			\$ 27,196.15						\$ 27,196.15			

**OLD BUSINESS**

Air Show discussion – Tabled

Exhibitor spot has been registered. Have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to provide proof of liability insurance. Also they provide 6 free spots for exhibitors. However, if more is needed, they cost 55.00 per ticket and parking is 35.00 dollars per car. A discussion ensued to confirm if Veterans Services will benefit by participating at this event. Tabled till next meeting.

Delaware Arts Fair- Rey Cordero by request of Commissioner McAllister reached out to the National Museum to ask if they could provide information on what they will be doing at the fair. The Art Fair management wants to help advertise their endeavors of having an art contest.

Peer to Peer Visitation – asked how the program was going and all commissioners reported positively that the visits are still actively occurring.

Commissioner Pictures – At March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, all commissioners are supposed be in their blue shirts.

Reminder: March 27<sup>th</sup> - First outreach Meeting for the commission which will be held in Sunbury – Post 8736 (435 McGill St).

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Yard cleanup program – Mayor Riggle is looking for veterans that would benefit from people helping clean up their yard. Names to be sent to Social Service officer – Bill Piwtorak and needs to be in by April / May time for a June cleanup project.

Ohio Gold Star Family Memorial Monument – Tabled

Present a brief synopsis of what Jon Bennehoof is working on with getting a designated place at the National Museum Property where a special memorial will be erected for all gold star family and loved ones can come and pay their respect to those lost.

Continued discussion will happen next meeting.

Air Force Museum Trip – Tabled

Discussed preliminary information – a bus carrying 56 people will cost between 1500-1600 dollars per bus.

Leave Delaware around 9 am and return around 4:30 pm.

Travel to the Air Force museum

First trip will be a beta test – working out the kinks.

Dates are open but discussed Sept 8<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup>. All is still open – buses companies state book early to get your dates.

Annual Vet Shoot day at the open air range on SR 229.

Looking at Sept 11 or 12

Once finalized- better advertisement will get more veterans interested/ participating.

Document provided for training dates for commissioner. Each commissioner was given the document, return to Karen for her to pay / finalize.

## **DIRECTOR REPORT**

No Report

**Good for the Order**

**Special Meeting – Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 1000 hrs. (Executive Session only) @ Conference room of Veteran Services**

**Saturday Feb 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 Amvets Post will have pizza and Italian Subs for sale.**

**MOTION 23-0213-05 ADJOURN MEETING AT 1945 hrs.**

1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt

2<sup>nd</sup>

Santiago Foos

5-0 vote

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Tim Funk – Stock hands for healing		

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1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt

2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister

5-0 Vote

**MOTION – 23-0227-02 enter into executive session 1739 hrs.**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt

5-0 Vote

Discussed Financial Assistance for Three veterans

**MOTION – 23-0227-03 Exit executive session and return to public session 1838 hrs.**

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Ray

5-0 Vote

Back in public session:

**MOTION – 23-0227-04** Approve for Veteran to receive \$4,686.00 for back rent, current rent, and costs associated with an eviction. An additional \$400.00 is Meijer cards to be given to the veteran as well.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

**Motion – 23-0227-05** Approve for Veteran to receive \$547.46 for: Rent \$395.00, AEP \$98.46, and Columbia Gas for \$74.00.

1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt

2<sup>nd</sup> Ray

5-0 vote

**Motion – 23-0227-06** Approve for Veteran to receive \$2000.00 for: back rent \$1,300.00, AEP \$36.49, Columbia gas – a portion of the bill for \$263.51, and then provide \$400.00 dollars in Meijer cards.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt

5-0 Vote

### **Special Guest:**

Tim Funk of Stock hands for Healing came in to discuss his need to build out an upgrade bathroom that is ADA compliant. The project is estimated to cost \$24,225.00. After a discussion along with question and answers the board would like to see another estimate and then will determine their next steps.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Air Show discussion:

After a short discussion, the board decided it was best to not participate in the Air show.

**Motion – 23-0227-07** To stop the process of moving forward in having an exhibitor's tent at the Air show. No participation.

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister

2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt

5-0 Vote

March 27<sup>th</sup> – The commission will be traveling to Sunbury Post 8736 (435 McGill St) to have their regular meeting at the VFW. The meeting will commence at the same time – 1730 hrs.

**GOLD STAR Monument:**

A heavy discussion commenced regarding to support this project whereas the monument will be Erected on the grounds of the National Veterans Museum. Numerous questions and concerns exists That needs to be addressed prior to committing any funds to the project.

**Motion – 23-0227-08** To develop a resolution supporting the Gold Star Monument to be located at the National Veterans museum.

1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt

2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister

5-0 vote

Director Galligher and Commissioner Santiago – Foos to develop

Air Force museum:

Director Galligher is still trying to talk with the AF museum. No further direction provided regarding Forward. Waiting for feedback from by what Director Galligher finds out.

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Training schedule handed out last meeting - document had dates that are in the past. The board wanted to know if there is an updated document showing all the upcoming dates.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Discussed the notice received about 38 counties still have not sent in their personnel reports including Delaware. The director assured the group that Delaware's part was taken care of.

Commissioner Hyatt commended the director for sending a supportive/ thank you letter to the Ohio Trooper who assisted a recent veteran found homeless.

March 25<sup>th</sup> - Dr. Moore (Dentist) will be participating in a 12 hour - 70 mile run that supports raising funds to cover scholarship for those children who have lost a parent during their time in the military.

Updated the board regarding a veteran that is working on writing a book. They are working with a local editor and received a \$2,000.00 scholarship to take a 7 week class on how to write a book. For this veteran, it will be reviewing online videos and receiving 1 on 1 sessions from the editor.

MASH Pantry is planning a Thanksgiving Pot Luck at the Local Amvets in the city of Delaware. More information to come as the date gets closer.

## **DIRECTOR REPORT**

Franklin County and Delaware County will be team presenting to a class full of veterans learning about the services that both counties provide and what is available at the federal level as well.

Franklin County has invited Delaware County to participate in the Ohio State Fair again this year. Veterans Services Staff can sign up to help.

March 9<sup>th</sup> – a presentation will be done out in Sunbury discussing what Veterans Services does for the community.

Director will be attending a monthly meeting at the Arbors to discuss the services available at Veterans Services.

## **Good for the Order**

Nothing to report

### **MOTION 23-0227-09 ADJOURN MEETING AT 2027 hrs.**

1<sup>st</sup> McAllister      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt      5-0 vote