

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF May 8th, 2023

Commissioners		
Merlin Reimer -	President	Present
John McAllister –	Vice President	Present
Christine Santiago-Foos -	Secretary	Present
Dave Hyatt -	Member	Present
Richard Ray -	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Excused
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Scott Leonard	Deputy Director	Present
Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Reimer at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Reading and approval of minutes:

1736 hrs.

MOTION – 23-0508-01 to approve the minutes from April 24th meeting with minor changes.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 23-0508-02 to go into executive session

1740 hrs.

1st Hyatt 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 Vote PASSED

Discussed one veteran's request

MOTION – 23-0508-03 to exit executive and return to public session

1753 hrs.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister 5-0 vote PASSED

MOTION- 23-0508-04 to approve up to \$5,250.00 for the installing of a disability ramp for veteran REDACTED home.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd McAllister 5-0 vote PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Funeral Honors – VSO has received a few requests since last meeting. Intake and notifications are going well.

Stockhands – Motion 23-0313-08 commission passed \$25,000 for an ADA approved bathroom. Legal has returned a contract that is with the director. When he returns from leave, he will address with Stockhands to finalize.

May 5th – Willard Humphrey (Delaware County) was inducted into the Ohio Military Hall of Fame for Valor. Scott, Karen, and Rey will be attending this fantastic opportunity. The event was well attended. Standing room only!

Bill and Lisa attended spring CVSO school May 3, 4, 5th. Good information presented.

Delaware City Art fest will be May 20 and 21st 2023. Rey Cordero is coordinating the event personnel and National Museum.

NEW BUSINESS

Next Meeting is May 22nd. If additional conversation need to take place, a special meeting can be scheduled.

Delaware County Vet of the year. Discussion- does the Delaware County vet of the year be submitted for the Ohio Veteran of the year?

Dr. Moore as a potential candidate for the DELCO vet of the year?

The nomination needs to be in by June 1st.

DIRECTOR REPORT

Lisa completed National Certification course, online.

Discussion continued with a confirmation that the 2 VSC members expects all VA claims to be filed regardless of what county vet resides in. Director Galligher to follow up on this.

May 5th Valor Award program went well

Salary discussion – back a few months ago, a salary plan was presented whereas a final is supposed to be submitted by 1 May 2023.

Vet shoot 2023! – Between Labor Day and the Delaware County Fair. Tuesday Sept 12th, 2023 since the range is closed and we can have exclusive use potentially. POC – Scott Leonard

5k walk/ run planned for October 2023 @ Mingo Park. POC – Rey Cordero

NEXT MEETING: May 22nd 2023 – begins at 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services)

MOTION 23-0508-05 ADJOURN MEETING AT 1831 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd

Santiago-Foos

5-0 vote

PASSED

MOTION – 23-0522-05 to terminate employee REDACTED immediately.

1st Ray 2nd Santiago-Foos 5-0 vote Passed

MOTION – 23-0522-06 to post and hire a permanent part time position and a part time intermittent position as soon as feasible.

1st Ray 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Stockhands for Healing -In a previous meeting the commission authorized by Motion to provide Stockhands for Healing \$25,000 to bring a bathroom up to ADA guidelines. Based upon Auditor request and county prosecutor's input, a contract was drawn up where the parties involved have agreed in the verbiage contained within.

Motion 23-0522-07 to approve the contract developed by county prosecutor's office and where by all parties have reviewed and agreed to its content and expectations.

1ST Ray 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

Assisting out of county Veterans - Director Galligher explained what Franklin County and the adjacent counties to Franklin have discussed and agree to follow.

If a veteran from another county contacts Delaware, the first option is to direct the Veteran to the county of residence. If the veteran has tried to connect, without success Delaware will take the opportunity to reach out for the veteran and coordinate with the Director of that county to determine any underlying issues. If the issue is with the veteran, Delaware County will discuss the issue with the veteran and try to work out a solution. If no underlying issues exists, the veteran has contacted the other county, no claim is in process, and the other county has "dropped the ball", Delaware County will the assist the veteran. The office will ensure that any correspondence with the veteran will end with that if the veteran has issues with the county they live to let us know and we will work with the veteran to find a solution.

After clarifying with a good discussion, the consensus was understood confirming every Veteran will be given the opportunity to be assisted to the extent allowed by law.

Statistics -Speaking about servicing out of county veterans brought up the topic of capturing data that will assist Veterans Services to provide services that are needed. A healthy conversation ensued whereas data can be created, but if created should be used to improve the service. Further how do you capture how some services are provided with no way of capturing in a data format.

Vetraspec (software for CVSO) was brought up expressing how the program is great for form development/ actual CVSO work but not so good with statistical data showing where improvement is needed and other areas are above reproach. Christine Santiago-Foos was going to reach out to the State for feedback on other software programs that captures useful data.

