

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF Aug 12, 2024 REDACTED

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

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1732.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1734 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0812-01 to approve the minutes from the July 22nd, 2024 meeting.

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

MOTION -24-0812-02 to move into executive session at 1737hrs.

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

Discussed 2 financial Requests

Personnel Matter

MOTION- 24-0812-03 return to public session at 1823 hrs.

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

MOTION – 24-0812-04 to deny Veteran REDACTED request for \$5,000.00. He is able to return to request with additional information.

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

MOTION – 24-0812-05 to Deny Veteran REDACTED change in request from the approved motion of 24-0722-05.

1st Hyatt 2nd Santiago - Foos 4-1 Vote PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

Mash Pantry

The pantry recently moved to its newest location (562 Pennsylvania Ave.) The move identified items that they need to remain an active pantry. Listing out some of the needs the board discussed helping with a new refrigerator and freezer. Also, they recommended other places to explore for other needed items. The director was going to take back the locations to Mash Pantry leadership.

Motion – 24-0812-06 To allocate funds up to & \$7,500.00 to purchase a refrigerator and a freezer for the Mash Pantry's use.

1st Hyatt 2nd Reimer 5-0 Vote PASSED

NEW BUSINESS:

A local veteran spouse makes quilts and donates them to area organizations. The spouse has made a quilt for an upcoming event for Stockhands Horses for Healing. While going through her abundant supply of material, she found additional material where she could make a 2nd quilt with an Ohio State motif. Unfortunately, she is on a strict budget and cannot afford to cover the cost associated with getting the quilt stitched from a third party vendor. She asked if Veteran Services could cover this cost and if not see if a member organization would be willing to donate the funds. The expected amount would be between 150 and 200 dollars.

Discussion: Since the event covers more than veterans, the board could not support the request whereas the request was not moved upon. However, a sidebar conversation had promising support for this endeavor outside the business of veteran services.

The Disabled American Veteran Organization (DAV) is fronting the money covering the cost of most of the food items associated with the Wall that Heals. During the time it is here, there are many opportunities where volunteer workers will need to have food and drink to remain energized to make this event successful. Examples are:

Building the wall, tearing down the wall, the procession, and the multiple hours in between where volunteers will remain focused on completing their assigned task.

The anticipated amount of food needed is around 1000 dollars. The ask is if other organizations would like to help with covering the food, a donation to DAV Post 79 in the form of a check would be greatly appreciated. The amount of 100-200 is suggested. Any amount is appreciated.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Applications are down and we received quite a few. The board has directed the director to go through all of them and send out the final 10 applications for the CVSO position and 5 applications for the Outreach person to the board. They will review and finalize the list for those to call for interviews.

The Wall Event

Overall the process is going well. So far 40 to 45% of the positions are filled with volunteers. The night/ overnight shifts are the shifts needed the most currently.

Meeting are still ongoing. Logistically, placements of tents, lighting, and on site operations are almost finalized. Ancillary organizations such as the Sherriff's office is prepared to cover traffic.

The procession will be on Tuesday the 10th and start at Rural King in Marysville. It will travel through Marysville, Ostrander, Delaware, and possibly Powell. Regardless it will arrive at Haver Park that afternoon.

Legal opinion:

Vince Villio (Prosecutor's office) was asked to provide a legal opinion on what does the Veteran Service Commission have the authority to do in regards to leasing or buying property. In a response back, Mr. Villio asked for some documentation showing the Veteran Service commission officially request this opinion and have it signed by the board president.

MOTION 24-0812-07 To ask the county prosecutor's office to provide a legal opinion in regards to if the Delaware County Veteran Service Commission has the legal authority to purchase and or lease property in Delaware County, Ohio.

1st Reimer

2nd Santiago-Foos

5-0 Vote

PASSED

**John McAllister – President
Veteran Service Commission
Delaware County, Ohio**

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Nothing to report

NEXT MEETING: Aug 26, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion – 24-0812-08 Motion to adjourn the meeting at **1950 hrs.**

1st Reimer 2nd Hyatt 5-0 vote PASSED

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Merlin Reimer -	Secretary	Present
Dave Hyatt -	Member	Excused
Richard Ray -	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Social Services	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President McAllister at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

MOTION – 24-0826-01 to approve the minutes from the Aug 12, 2024 meeting.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos 4-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -24-0826-02 to move into executive session at 1735hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Ray 4-0 Vote PASSED

Discussed 1 financial Request

Personnel Matter

MOTION- 24-0826-03 return to public session at 1750 hrs.

1st Santiago-Foos 2nd Reimer 4-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION – 24-0826-04 to approve Veteran REDACTED request for Propane fuel up to \$1268.49 for 750 gallons for the winter season.

1st Reimer

2nd Santiago-Foos

4-0 Vote

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS:

No Report

NEW BUSINESS:

No Report

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Wall:

Commissioner Hyatt has been overseeing this project exceptionally.

If weather is good, it is expected to have 200-300 motorcycles escorting the wall.

Significant attendance on Saturday – A deputy will be posted at the entrance directing traffic on Liberty Rd

Attendance – if weather is good –we may break the attendance record of 16,000 people throughout the time open.

Saturday evening at 7 pm – Ceremony to recognize the commission – all should be there.

Safety Plan has been created –

ALL HORSE PARADE:

Sept 8th – beginning at 1500 hrs.

Motion 24-0826-05 to approve \$1,650.00 to cover the cost for 3 teams of horses pulling three carriages that are designated for veterans to ride in the parade.

1st Reimer

2nd Santiago-Foos

4-0 vote

PASSED

CVSO / Outreach interview:

Director needs to know who want to participate in the interview by tomorrow August 27th by 4 pm. The information to be sent: Date and times available.

Want these interviews prior to the wall kicking off.

Mash Pantry:

Discussed their needs list (Additional items). Based upon the consensus of the group, they needed more time to digest this list. Tabled until next meeting

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Nothing to report

NEXT MEETING: Sept 9th, 2024 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion – 24-0826-06 Motion to adjourn the meeting at 1820 hrs.

1st Reimer 2nd Santiago-Foos 4-0 vote PASSED