

**Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
*An advisory board to the Clark County Council*

February 10, 2022  
Meeting held remotely.

**Chair: Michael Harding**

**Vice Chair: Shannon Roberts**

**Secretary: Bruce Maas**

**Meeting called to order.**

**Roll Call:** [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

**POST**

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American Legion #14  
American Legion #44  
American Legion #168  
American Legion #176  
American Veterans #6  
DAV Chapter #4  
Korean War Assoc. #321  
Marine Corps League #826  
VFW #4278  
VFW #7824  
VFW # 12028  
Vietnam Vets #512  
Members at Large

**PRIMARY**

Morris Geisler  
  
**Darren Wertz**  
Bob Nichols  
Thomas Phillips  
**John Lovejoy**  
**Bruce Maas**  
Earl Edwards  
**Steve Slegers**  
**Shannon Roberts**  
**Michael Harding**  
  
**Nick Herber**  
**Kelly Jones**  
Kevin Lawson  
Bryan McGillis  
**Tonya Wark**

**ALTERNATE**

**Steve Slegers**  
  
John Rose  
  
**Michael Gibson**  
Vanise Pratt  
Tom Cousino  
Dixie Hotaling  
John Stofiel  
Dana Difford

**Clark County Representative: Emily Langston**

**Guests: Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre, (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Janet Snook (Clark County); Jennifer Frost, Mallory Huerta (ESD)**

**Approval of January 13, 2022, Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved following a motion from Steve Slegers that was seconded by Kelly Jones.

**Approval of 2022 At-Large Members**

Tonya Wark was approved as Member at Large on voice vote.

**Board Member role and responsibilities**

An overview of the member handbook was reviewed. The role is advisory, making recommendations to County Council. The handbook is available at: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-services/veterans-advisory-board>.

**Committee Reports**

**Appeals:** None.

**Policies and Procedures:** No discussion.

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**December 2021 Contractor Reports & Fund Report and 2021 year-end VAF report**

The fund assisted 41 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 183 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 2 veterans. The WDVA filed 411 claims with a 93 percent approval. The Fund balance at the end of December was \$733,229.

Total 2021 spending:

CCVAC	\$676,265
Free Clinic	\$12,900
WDVA	\$94,500

**Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update**

- Received \$5,000 food grant from OnPoint Credit Union.
- Received food cards from AmVets.
- Waiting on County approval for additional food assistance from fund.
- Ordering supplies from Department of Defense for this year's Stand Down.

**Old Business**

- Food assistance and housing policies changes waiting for County Manager approval.
- Michael Harding still planning to reach out to commanders to encourage more veterans to attend meetings.
- Michael Harding still looking at previous speakers and Auditor Greg Kimsey to be invited to meetings to give updates.
- Policies and Bylaws sent for review. No changes requested.

**New Business**

- An open letter requesting to meet in-person/hybrid was read.
- A request was made to have the County Health Officer speak at a future meeting.

**Open Forum**

- Second Safe Stay Community scheduled to open at Living Hope Church. A veteran is at the current Safe Stay to help veteran residences. Contact Jamie Spinelli for information.
- Refer any veterans in need to Partners in Careers, Tonya Wark.
- Employment Services is helping veterans find jobs. Many jobs are available. Match resumes to job posting. Contact [edythe.huerta@esd.wa.gov](mailto:edythe.huerta@esd.wa.gov), 360.735.4984, or [jennifer.frost@esd.wa.gov](mailto:jennifer.frost@esd.wa.gov).

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting March 10, 2022.