

**Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**

*An advisory board to the Clark County Council*

June 9, 2022

**Chair: Michael Harding**

**Vice Chair: Shannon Roberts**

**Secretary: Bruce Maas**

**Meeting called to order.**

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

**POST**

40 et 8  
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  
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**  
Greg Whitson  
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  
**Nick Herber**

**Clark County Representative: Emily Langston**

**Guests: Councilor Janet Snook (Clark County); Katie Allen (Myofascial Treatment); Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre, Laurie Pugh (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Jennifer Frost (Worksource); CVTV23**

**Approval of May 12, 2022, meeting minutes**

**The minutes were approved following a motion from Shannon Roberts that was seconded by Nick Herber.**

**Myofascial Release treatment**

Katie Allen provides massage and other treatment for trauma to improve breathing, sleep, and healing, and to bring balance back into the body.

**Committee Reports**

**Appeals:** None.

**Policies and Procedures:**

- Burial eligibility: Bruce Maas moved to allow burial benefits to all qualifying veterans regardless of discharge status. The motion was seconded by Nick Herber and carried.
- Review of Policies and Procedures and Bylaws: Members are encouraged to review existing documents for comprehensive review in August.

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### **April 2022, Contractor & Fund Reports**

The fund assisted 37 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 263 veteran visits. The Free Clinic served 3 veterans. The Fund balance at the end of April was \$923,780. The SWACH contract has not expended any funds for referrals. Contract expires in July. Recommended to continue contract at lesser amount of \$15,000. Additional discussion to occur at next meeting.

### **Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update**

- In-person Stand Down scheduled for September 9, 9am-3pm, at River City Church. Donations are needed to cover increased costs. Department of Defense supplies are being received. May receive up to \$3,500 grant from DoD. Department of Labor may grant up to \$7,000. Donation to meet \$2,000 match has been received. Frank's BBQ providing the meal
- 2022 Raffle in process. Tickets available at the office and at Heroes Night. Drawing at Paddle for Life
- CMAC Hero Night will collect non-perishable foods for CCVAC. Heroes Night is June 11 at Hudson's Bay High School
- July 3 military appreciation night at Ridgefield Raptors
- The Center and its Veterans Lounge are fully open again
- Search for new location ongoing. Building needs at least 12 private offices, a conference room, a kitchen, and to be on a bus line, preferably downtown

### **Old Business**

Food voucher increased \$100

### **New Business**

- WDVA Serving Those Who Served conference in Wenatchee, August 25-26 for veteran resources
- Lynn Vaughn proposing to create veteran housing at Camp Bonneville
- Mayor visiting VAC on June 29

### **Open Forum**

- KWVA dedicating new memorial for Korean War Vets on June 25, 11-1pm at the helicopter
- Changes to access at Fort Vancouver barracks package service. Access now off 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Camas Post 4278 made \$2,000 at poppy drive. John Kaiser, Gulf War veteran, named Camas citizen of the year.

### **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting July 14, 2022