

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

October 12, 2023

**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

Camas Post 27

DAV Chapter #4

Korean War Assoc. #321

Marine Corps League #826

VFW #4278

VFW #7824

Vietnam Vets #512

Members at Large

**PRIMARY**

**Bob Brennan**

**Gene Couture**

Darren Wertz

Bob Nichols

**Thomas Phillips**

**John Lovejoy**

Wes Forgey

**Bruce Maas**

Earl Edwards

**Steve Slegers**

**Shannon Roberts**

**Michael Harding**

Greg Whitson

Kelly Jones

**Bryan McGillis**

**Tonya Wark**

Tamara Elam

Megan Anderson

Eli Gonzalez

**ALTERNATE**

**Steve Slegers**

Charles Ingalls

**Michael Gibson**

Vanise Pratt

Shawn O'Neil

Tom Cousino

Dixie Hotaling

John Stofiel

Dana Difford

Nick Herber

**Clark County Representative: Emily Langston, Abby Molloy**

**Guests: CVTV23, Janet Snook (Clark County); Laurie Pugh, Judy Russel, Sharon Tyre (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Americo Hernandez, Dale Smith (Do Good Multnomah); Melanie Smith (HUD VASH);**

**Approval of September 14, 2023, meeting minutes**

The minutes were approved with corrections following a motion by Steve Slegers that was seconded by Gene Couture.

**Committee Reports**

**Appeals:** None

**Policies and Procedures:** No discussion.

**Nominations:** New officers are elected at the December meeting. First nominations will be accepted at the November meeting.

**August 2023, Contractor & Fund reports**

The fund assisted 50 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 667 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$716 for 1 veteran. The Fund balance at the end of July was \$702,996.

**Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update**

- Stand Down at Armed Forces Reserve Center, September 29, served 245 veterans.

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**Old Business**

WDVA did not get HVRP (Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program) grant for Clark County. Need someone to apply for the grant next year.

**New Business**

- Members at Large must file Letters of Intent each year. Members will renew their LOIs for 2025.
- Shuttle from Vancouver VA to Portland VA needs volunteers. It is only running four trips per day. Contact Bruce Maas for more information on volunteering.
- Community in Motions, a Vancouver nonprofit, often provides transportation for Veterans.
- C-Tran offers free rides for Veterans using the HEROS pass.
- Abby Molloy is County staff taking over Veterans programs.
- 2024 contract budgets will be approved at the November meeting.

**Open Forum**

- Do Good Multnomah tiny homes construction behind Kiggins Bowl begins in November, with at least 5 beds reserved for Veterans. No children.
- Clark College Veterans Resource Fair, 10-2pm, November 7.
- Veterans Assistance Center hiring event at Veterans Reserve Center, 10-2pm, November 1,
- Next meeting is November 9, just before the Veterans Day events. Public schools seek volunteers to speak. Parade participation is still possible.
- Do Good Multnomah is a veteran-centric organization.

**Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting November 9, 2023