

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

An advisory board to the Clark County Council

December 13, 2018

1300 Franklin Street, Room #680
Vancouver, Washington

Chair: Morris Giesler

Vice Chair: Kelly Jones

Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting]

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American Legion #14

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

Steve Slegers

Dixie Hotaling

Michael Gibson

John Lovejoy

Morris Giesler

Earl Edwards

Ron Brandon

Shannon Roberts

Bruce Maas

Skip Benge

Greg Whitson

Kelly Jones

Kevin Lawson

James Mead

David Daly

Michael Harding

Bryan McGillis

Michael Langsdorf

ALTERNATE

Patrick Locke

Jonathan Frederick

Frank Hyatt

Jason Atkins

Steve Slegers

Sarah Aktepy

Tonja Wark

Tom Mielke

Clark County Representative: Samantha Whitley

Guests: Karla Bean (2019 Post 14 alternate); Judy Russel, Tina Abby, Ron Abby (Veterans Assistance Center)

November 8, 2018, Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved on a motion by Dave Daly that was seconded by James Mead.

Support Resources for Veterans

Discussion postponed.

Election of 2019 VAB Officers

Nominations: The following members expressed interest in serving on the Executive Team in 2019:

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No additional nominations were presented.

A motion was made by Greg Whitson to elect the nominees. The motion was seconded by Dixie Hotalin, and approved.

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County Transition to Workday Financial System

Effective March 4, 2019, the county will be using Workday for financial reporting. Transitioning may impact invoicing and payments during the first quarter.

Committee Reports

Appeals: There were no appeals last month.

Policies and Procedures:

No discussion at this time. Next meeting in January. Anyone in the community who is interested in policy changes may contact the Veterans Assistance Center, attention Fund Administrator.

October 2018 Contractor Reports & Fund Report

The fund assisted 53 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 581 Veteran visits, including 216 visits from Veterans who are homeless. The Free Clinic provided \$724 in care for two veterans. The Veterans Assistance Fund balance was \$748,927 at the end of the month.

Letters Of Interest for 2019 Membership

No discussion.

Veterans Assistance Center Update

- Sunshine Division provided 90 Thanksgiving and Christmas meal boxes
- Large quantities of candy and chips were donated and are being distributed
- The Center identified 144 children in need, and are working with Toys for Tots and DeMears to provide gifts
- KPAM Helping our Heroes radio-thon raised \$48,000
- VVA is hiring the full time service officer for the Center to work alongside four volunteer services officers and the DAV service officer
- Shadows Motorcycle Club donated a ton of clothing this week
- Vancouver Funeral Homes clothing drive ends Saturday
- The Columbian is providing free advertising for the Center

Old Business

No discussion at this time.

New Business

No discussion at this time.

Open Forum

- Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 512, and Salmon Creek American Legion Post 176 annual Christmas party for Veteran and reserve students and families was very successful
- Korean War Veterans annual Christmas party at 40et8, Saturday, December 15, 2:30pm
- Camas Post 4278 will be placing 502 wreaths Saturday, December 15 - volunteers welcome
- Warehouse 23 free Christmas dinner on Christmas day, 10am-3pm
- WDVA legislative agenda will be available soon
- Suits for Soldiers, Saturday, December 15, 10-3

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned. The next meeting is Thursday, January 10, 2019.