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**MEL BAHER**  
COMMISSIONER



American Veterans  
**FRANK POCCHI**  
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans  
**DANIEL T. WEIST**  
COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars  
**THOMAS T. K. ZUNG**  
COMMISSIONER



Vietnam Veterans of America  
**BOB POTTS**  
COMMISSIONER

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## Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission

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### MINUTES

DATE: September 1, 2010 9:35 a.m.

PRESENT: Daniel T. Weist, President  
Frank Pocci, Secretary  
Bob Potts, Commissioner  
Thomas Zung, Commissioner  
Thomas O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor  
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director

ABSENT: Mel Baher, Vice President

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dan Weist, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Thomas Zung to dispense with the reading of the Consent Agenda and to accept the agenda with the necessary corrections and/or additions. (All Commissioners have a copy of the minutes.)

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

#### Thomas Zung – VFW

- I will not be in attendance at the next two CCVSC meetings due to previously scheduled business in Spain.

#### Mel Baher – American Legion (Report submitted prior to the meeting)

- August 12<sup>th</sup> – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m., where I serve as immediate past commander.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> – I attended Post 91's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual James C. Masie scholarship golf outing at Emerald Woods Golf Course. I serve on the committee that plans a full day of events for our 132 golfers, which includes a lunch and dinner.
- August 29<sup>th</sup> – I attended the American Legion Post 91 e-board meeting at 7:00 p.m., where I serve as immediate past commander.
- August 27<sup>th</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup> – I will be attending the American Legion National Convention in Milwaukee, WI.

Bob Potts – VVA (No report submitted)

Dan Weist – DAV

- I attended an outreach function in Akron, Ohio with Summit County Veterans Service Commission staff on August 20, 2010.
- The DAV has not conducted summer meetings but will begin to meet the third Wednesday of each month starting September 15, 2010. This causes a conflict with my VFW post meetings where I serve as Quartermaster, but I will attempt to attend as many DAV meetings as I can.
- I will be attending the OSAVSC Regional Training in Mansfield, Ohio on September 14<sup>th</sup>.
- I answered questions to several phone calls I received concerning the Gulf War, OIF/OEF Bonus.
- I will be attending the USO Golf Outing on September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Executive Director distributed Financial Assistance charts for 2005 through 2009. It was noted that even though there has been little change in the veteran population in Cuyahoga County, we have 17,000 less veterans applying for financial assistance.

A formal EEO complaint has been received from Edward Schaefer. At the advice of counsel, further discussion was deferred to Executive Session.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board is in the process of reviewing current policies and guidelines and making revisions when necessary.

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Thomas Zung to accept the revision to the Guideline for Assistance with School Supplies dated September 1, 2010, as submitted by the Executive Director with a minor change.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Thomas Zung to rescind the Guideline for Emergency Food Assistance-Food Cards, dated December 1, 2004, as recommended by the Executive Director.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Thomas Zung to accept the revision to the Guideline for Need Based Transportation and Gasoline Cards dated September 1, 2010, as submitted by the Executive Director with a minor change.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Commissioner Weist will attend the OSAVSC District 2 meeting in Mansfield, Ohio on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

None.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Thomas Zung to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:29 a.m.)

A motion was made by Thomas Zung and seconded by Bob Potts to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:42 a.m.)

Discussion took place in Executive Session related to the dismissal of an employee and pending litigation. No action was taken.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Thomas Zung to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

Daniel T. Weist, President

Frank Pocci, Secretary

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

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Memorial Affairs: Laurene Rutkowski, Manager (216-698-2655)

Social Work Dept.: Terry Walker, Manager, Social Worker/Case Management (216-698-2379)

Executive Director: Bob Schloendorn (216-698-2611)

Commissioners: Lorri Slivka, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2646)