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American Veterans
FRANK POCCI
COMMISSIONER



Disabled American Veterans
VACANT
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MINUTES

DATE: April 4, 2018 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Bob Potts, President
Clayton E. Uzell, Vice President
Mel Baher, Secretary
Frank Pocci, Commissioner
DAV Commissioner, Vacant
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

EXCUSED: Jon Reiss, Executive Director

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Potts followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Mel Baher 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: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Clay Uzell – VFW

- March 3rd – I attended the District 7 awards banquet held at VFW Post 1082 Bedford. Awards were given to Law Enforcement/Fire Fighter of the Year, Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen.
- March 7th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- March 14th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.
- March 14th – Met with students from Gilmore Academy working on a class project about obstacles facing returning veterans from the Vietnam era compared to today's returning veterans and the problems they face.
- March 19th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 general business meeting and held nominations for Post officers.

- March 21st – I attended the CCVSC open public outreach meeting at VFW Post 2533. The meeting was very well attended.
- March 28th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeal hearings.
- I referred two veterans to the CBOC for VA registration and gave the Executive Secretary a list of VFW posts in Cuyahoga County to pass on to the Outreach Coordinator.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended two board meetings at the CCVSC.
- I attended the AMVETS Post 80 meeting.
- I attended the Italian American War Veterans meeting.
- I paid a visit to the Parma CBOC.
- I referred one veteran to the Parma CBOC.
- AMVETS Post 80 had honor guard duties at Rittman Cemetery.
- I sent out information for the ITAM State meeting in Lorain, Ohio.

Mel Baher – American Legion

I attended all scheduled meetings of the CCVSC during the month of March 2018. Following, is a report of my activities outside of the CCVSC for the month of March.

- Sunday, March 4th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Spring Conference held at American Legion Post 610 in Brook Park, Ohio. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. I presented the executive board approved financial reports for January 2018, as District Finance Officer.
- Thursday, March 8th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. I presented my membership report, as 1st Vice Commander.
- Saturday, March 17th – I participated in the preparation and serving of the St. Patrick’s Day food at American Legion Post 91. The event, as always, was well-attended and much appreciated by the Post membership.
- Thursday, March 22nd – I attended the American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting held at 7:00 p.m. I presented my updated membership report, as 1st Vice Commander.
- Monday, March 26th – I attended the American Legion 13th District Council executive board meeting held at American Legion Post 610 in Brook Park, Ohio. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. I presented the February financial reports for executive board approval, as District Finance Officer.

Bob Potts – VVA

- March 6th – I attended the Chapter 249 board meeting and membership meeting.
- March 7th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- March 14th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.
- March 21st – After my doctor’s appointment at the Parma CBOC, I stopped by our veteran service offices.
- March 21st – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- March 28th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.
- April 3rd – I attended the Chapter 249 board meeting and membership meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Executive Secretary was asked to provide the Asst. County Prosecutor with the names and addresses of the two CCVSC former employees that have overpayments.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

The CCVSC Board set a tentative date of September 5, 2018 to complete the commissioner’s online training course required by ODVS for accreditation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Frank Pocci to go into Executive Session to discuss employment.

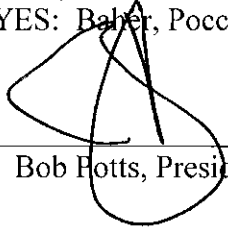
AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:45 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 11:28 a.m.

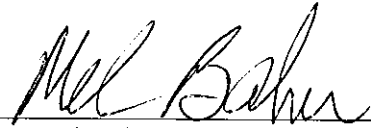
In Executive Session, discussion took place concerning the employment of the Executive Secretary.

With no further business, a motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 11:29 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.



Bob Potts, President



Mel Baher, Secretary

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