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### MINUTES

**DATE:** June 1, 2011 9:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Frank Pocci, Vice President  
Bob Potts, Secretary  
Clayton Uzell, Commissioner  
Daniel T. Weist, Commissioner  
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director  
Thomas O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor  
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

**ABSENT:** Mel Baher, President

**VISITORS:** None.

**PURPOSE:** GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, Frank Pocci, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clayton Uzell 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, Uzell, Weist. **NAYS:** None. Motion carried.

### **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:**

#### Bob Potts – VVA

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – I attended our monthly Board meeting. The Board made the decision to change the monthly membership to the first Tuesday with the Board meeting at 6:45 p.m. and the membership meeting at 7:30 p.m.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – I went to Lakewood High School for the day and spoke to the sophomore class about the Vietnam Experience.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> – I attended my monthly membership meeting.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – I went to Rocky River High School for the day and spoke to the sophomore class about the Vietnam Experience.

Dan Weist – DAV

- May 27<sup>th</sup> – I and members of VFW Post 7647, decorated veterans graves at both Coe and Butternut Ridge Cemeteries.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – I helped decorate 2300 veterans' graves at Lakewood Park Cemetery in Rocky River.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – I helped decorate, plant flowers, and spread mulch at American Legion Post 211 in Avon Lake.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – I attended a sunrise service at VFW Post 7647. I also attended ceremonies at both Coe and Butternut Ridge Cemeteries followed by a parade in North Olmsted.

Clayton Uzell – VFW

- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jefferson High School Loyalty Day Program lasted approximately two hours. The VFW spoke to the students about Loyalty Day. The District and State VFW representatives also spoke to the students.
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting. The budget was reviewed.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> – I attended the Board's Level III Appeal meeting.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – VFW Al Santos Post 7536 held its post meeting. The installation of officers was held. I was installing officer.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – I attended a CCVSC open public meeting.
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – The Parma Post attended a Past Presidents meeting & dinner. I called bingo for the ladies.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeal meeting.
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Chagrin Falls Post 12067 conducted its installation of new officers at the Hamlet Village Atrium. I passed out CCVSC pamphlets.
- May 28<sup>th</sup> – I distributed poppies for Memorial Day for a two-hour tour at the South Euclid Giant Eagle.
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – A Memorial service was held on the USS Cod. Past district commanders and presidents were invited. In remembrance of past commanders, a wreath was tossed into Lake Erie. Afterwards, a luncheon was provided at Euclid VFW Post 1056.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – I attended a Memorial Day Program at Lake View Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. representing VFW Post 7536 and the CCVSC. Boy Scout Troup 701 and Girl Scout Troop 578 assisted with the program. At 12:00 p.m., a wreath was placed at the Lyndhurst Veterans Monument at Lyndhurst Park.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – The Honor Guard served at the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> – I attended the Post General meeting. The nomination of officers was held. I was nominated to continue as Finance Officer.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – The 20<sup>th</sup> District meeting was held at Maple Heights Post 80.
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – The Post held a Memorial Day observance at 12:00 noon where all deceased members were individually remembered.
- May 30<sup>th</sup> – Members of Post 80 participated in the Maple Heights Memorial Day parade and observance.

*Other activities:*

- I have received communication from Mr. Len Proper of AMVETS Dept. of Ohio regarding the training area we would like to set up at the CCVSC. Mr. Proper informed me that some of their other attempts have not worked well and usually an AMVETS post would sponsor this effort and in Cuyahoga County there are not



strong AMVETS posts. However, Senator Portman informed him that the Dept. is the recipient of an AmeriCorps grant that should be available in September. I asked Mr. Proper to stay in touch and that I would put him in contact with our Executive Director to work out details once, and if, the grant makes it possible to establish a training area at the CCVSC.

- On May 27<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Memorial Day remembrance representing the CCVSC at the Middleburg Heights Community center where a very nice ceremony with a moving speech by Mayor Gary Starr was held.
- On May 27<sup>th</sup>, the Italian American War Veterans held its monthly meeting. The meeting was dedicated to all those who gave their all for their country and also to the memory of deceased members. A prayer and a moment of silence were held and a brief reminder of what Memorial Day stands for was stated.
- May 30<sup>th</sup>, I attended a special morning service at St. Bartholomew Church which the pastor dedicated to those who have given their lives so that we may enjoy the liberties we have.

A motion was made by Clay Uzell and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the reports of the Commissioners.

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to approve the revised "Electronic Communications and Equipment Policy" dated June 1, 2011 as submitted by the Executive Director.

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

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

The Executive Director reported that on May 31, 2011, the CCVSC 2012 Tax Budget was delivered to Edward FitzGerald, County Executive, Majeed Makhoulf, Law Director, Jeanne Schmotzer, Clerk of the Council, Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff, and Matthew Rubino, Director of OBM. Bob Schloendorn advised the Board that he will be on vacation June 9-21, 2011 and that the Budget is scheduled to be on the Council's June 28<sup>th</sup> agenda. But, in the event it is moved to the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting, Tom O'Donnell, Steve Fernandez, and a representative from the Board need be present.

[www.BuyVeterans.com](http://www.BuyVeterans.com) is a website that provides information on veteran owned businesses.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clay Uzell to go into Executive Session to discuss CCVSC Resolution 2011-03.

AYES: Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (9:46 a.m.)

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Clayton Uzell to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:24 a.m.)

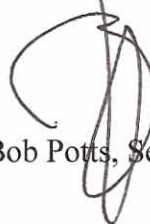
CCVSC Resolution 2011-03 was discussed in Executive Session. No action was taken.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Pocci to adjourn the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

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



Frank Pocci, Vice President



Bob Potts, Secretary

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