



American Legion
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
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MINUTES

DATE: August 4, 2010 9:34 a.m.

PRESENT: Daniel T. Weist, President
Mel Baher, Vice President
Frank Pocci, Secretary
Bob Potts, Commissioner
Thomas Zung, Commissioner
Thomas O'Donnell, Asst. County Prosecutor

ABSENT: Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director

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 Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts 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, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Thomas Zung – VFW

- Euclid VFW Post 1056 held its monthly July meeting. The Post offered the Freedom Flight group the continued use of its facilities gratis. The same offer was extended to the Korean War Veterans Association.
- On July 4th, the Village of Bratenahl commemorated a special wreath to be placed at the Village Monument honoring the veterans who gave their lives for our country. That evening, we had fireworks at the Village Center that were spectacular.
- July 16-17th, I attended the Summer Convention of the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners (OSAVSC) in Dublin, Ohio with the other four CCVSC Commissioners. New officers were elected.
- I visited AMVETS Post 109 at Lakeshore Drive in Mentor. I received a warm welcome and was given a tour of their nice facility.

- I also visited the new auxiliary office building across from the main Louis Stokes Medical Center and observed workers place steel girders on the roof of the sixth floor. This is a very large facility that is connected to the main medical center and veterans domiciliary that has large indoor parking.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- July 2nd - I assisted with the Independence Day Parade, as a spotter for the announcer, that was held in Berea at 6:00 p.m.
- July 4th - Independence Day events opened American Legion Post 91 to the public which included fireworks at 10:00 p.m. I assisted with the parking of cars in an orderly fashion in our parking lot.
- July 8th - I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m., where I serve as immediate past commander.
- July 14th – I attended the Coe Lake preservation committee meeting representing American Legion Post 91 held in the Berea Room of the Cuyahoga County Library, Berea Branch, at 3:30 p.m. Discussions were held concerning upcoming events and future plans for the Coe Lake area.
- July 16th & 17th – I attended the OSAVSC Summer Convention in Dublin, Ohio with my fellow commissioners, which included a training program and the election of new state officers.
- July 18th – I attended the American Legion 13th District family picnic at NASA from noon to 6:00 p.m., where I assisted as a picnic volunteer.
- July 22nd – I attended the American Legion Post 91 e-board meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Potts – VVA

- July 4th – I marched in the Lakewood’s Fourth of July Parade. Chapter 249 won the award for the best Honor Guard.
- July 6th – I attended our monthly Board meeting.
- July 16th & 17th – I attended the Summer Convention of the OSAVSC.
- The monthly Chapter membership meeting was cancelled for July and August.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- July 4th, Independence Day, all members and auxiliary members were at Stafford Park for a flag raising ceremony.
- AMVETS Post 80 held its general meeting on July 6th. My FY 2009 Finance Report was audited and found to be without errors. I will now file the tax returns for 2009.
- July 15th – Post 80 had its Honor Guard for duty at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. At one of the funerals, the Army Honor Guard had only one individual who simply took the flag out of the box and gave it to the family; no folding as should have been done. AMVETS Post 80 is upset that this happened. As the service officer, I will instruct the CCVSC’s Memorial Affairs Department to report this to the Rittman office.
- July 17th was the clean-up day at Post 80.
- July 20th was the day for the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee meeting at Post 80.
- Post 80’s General Meeting was held August 3rd. I presented the financial report and announced that I have filed the tax reports for FY 2009 ending May 31st.

- AMVETS Post 80 received information from the AMVETS Dept. of Ohio regarding a veteran (Frank Fabian) who is in need of assistance. I will give the information to the CCVSC for follow-up.

Other Post Activities:

- I attended the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners Summer Convention in Dublin, Ohio for the required training session for all commissioners. One of the major issues of discussion was the reinstatement of training credits to what they were in 2009, with some modifications, so that the Dept. of Veterans' Services would decide the training topic and have a representative at the District level training sessions.
- June 30th, I attended the Italian American War Veterans General meeting. The Post presented Honorary Membership to an Army Air Corps WWII veteran, Arch Milani. We also acknowledged a new member.

Dan Weist – DAV

- July 16th & 17th – I attended the OSAVSC Summer Convention in Dublin, Ohio with my fellow commissioners, which included a training program and the election of new state officers.
- July 21st, I attended my monthly VFW meeting.
- DAV Post 108 does not meet during the summer months but will resume meeting in September.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

The Board reviewed a revision to the Guideline for Assisting Students dated 5/16/02. After some discussion, it was agreed to table this guideline to the next meeting to allow an opportunity to discuss changes with the Executive Director.

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the revision of the Guideline for Definition of Unexpected Hardship dated August 4, 2010.

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

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to accept the Guideline for Usual, Customary, and Reasonable Expenses dated August 4, 2010, as amended by Asst. County Prosecutor Tom O'Donnell.

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

A motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to approve Exhibit A and attach it to the Guideline for Usual, Customary, and Reasonable Expenses dated August 4, 2010.

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

CCVSC will no longer issue vouchers for mortgage payments. Arrangements have been made to pay mortgage companies directly, similar to the payment of utilities, in an attempt to expedite payment and provide a more efficient service to our veterans.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

None.

With no further business, a motion was made by Frank Pocci and seconded by Bob Potts to adjourn the meeting at 10:42 a.m.

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

Daniel T. Weist, President

Frank Pocci, Secretary

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