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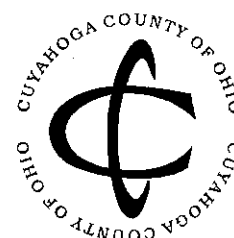


Vietnam Veterans of America
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MINUTES

DATE: September 5, 2012 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Bob Potts, Vice President
Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary
Daniel T. Weist, Commissioner
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

VISITORS: Mick Panek
Mel Davis

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

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

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

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Clay Uzell – VFW

- August 1st – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- August 8th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.
- August 12th – I attended the District 7 C of A Conference at VFW Post 943 in Ashtabula. We went over the budget and programs and appointed the Officer of the Day and Safety Chairman.
- August 15th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- August 20th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 Lyndhurst meeting. The audit was completed and I passed out convention material.
- August 22nd – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals.
- August 26th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 pig roast held at the Lyndhurst Community Center. Sixty people were in attendance, one of which I referred to the CCVSC.

- August 27th – Parma VFW Post 1974 held its Past President's Dinner and meeting. I called bingo for the ladies.
- During the month of August, I made two referrals to the CCVSC.

Dan Weist – DAV

- I attended the Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners Summer Convention in Columbus, Ohio on July 27th & 28th.
- August 15th – I attended the CCVSC open public Board meeting.
- I attended both Level III Appeal Hearings in August.
- I attended the monthly meeting of VFW 7647.
- Last weekend, I attended an American Legion 211 tailgate party for OSU.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- August 1st – The American Legion 13th District meeting was held at Post 196 beginning at 7:00 p.m. I gave my financial report as 13th District Finance officer.
- August 4th – The American Legion 13th District annual picnic was held at the German Club on York Rd. from noon until 6:00 p.m. I volunteered as the District Finance officer.
- August 9th – The Post 91 membership meeting was held at 7:00 p.m.
- August 23rd through August 30th – I attended the 94th National Convention of the American Legion in Indianapolis, IN.

Upcoming Events for September 2012

- September 5th is American Legion Post 91's 93rd birthday. The post will celebrate by serving cake all day.
- September 9th – The American Legion 13th District Fall Conference is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. at American Legion Post 610. I will be giving the financial reports as District Finance officer.
- September 11th – Post 91 will conduct the 11th annual commemoration of Patriot Day at 9:00 a.m. on the Berea Triangle.
- September 13th – Post 91 membership meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
- September 21st – Post 91 will conduct its annual POW-MIA ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on the post pavilion.
- September 27th – The Post 91 executive board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Bob Potts – VVA

- I stopped in to the Wade Park VA Medical Center and saw our Service Officers, Iris DeHart and Libby Jenkins.
- September 4th - I attended the VVA Chapter 249 meeting.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I provided the financial report for Post 80 at the September 4th general meeting. I also provided for review, all the financials for fiscal year 2011.
- Post 80 had Honor Guard duty at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.
- The AMVETS District 20 meeting will be held at Post #40 in Mentor, Ohio.
- The AMVETS Post 80 social meeting will be held on September 18th.
- The AMVETS Post 80 Annual Commander's Ball is planned for October 7th.

Other Activities:

- I attended all the CCVSC open public meetings as well as the appeals meetings in the month of August.
- I referred two veterans to our service officer at the Parma CBOC.
- I am working on helping a WWII veteran get hearing aid batteries as he has apparently lost the paperwork necessary to be sent in when requesting hearing aid batteries.
- I left some CCVSC brochures with a local Parma Heights coffee shop where the owner was very happy to place in an accessible display area.
- I attended a lunch meeting with six veterans that I meet with occasionally and one of them was very complimentary of the work of our service officer at the Parma clinic to whom I had referred him a couple of months ago.
- I attended the monthly Italian American War Veteran's monthly open meeting where I reported on financials, donations and membership. Two new members joined at this meeting. A donation was also approved for phone cards for our troops.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to approve Resolution 2012-21; a resolution requesting authority for eight Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Officers to attend the Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officer Fall meeting and training conference from October 16-19, 2012 in Dublin, Ohio, expenses not to exceed \$5,384.00.

AYES: Baher, Poggi, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

The Guideline for Need Based Transportation and Gasoline Cards was discussed. The Executive Director will meet with staff to reinforce the guideline and to continue to refer clients who do not qualify to the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland (CEOGC).

The Board will be more specific in their reasons for approving Level III appeals.

Future Labor Day outreach venues for CCVSC will include the Lakewood, Fairview, and North Olmsted parades.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Clay Uzell will be driving the CCVSC van in the Lyndhurst Home Days parade this Sunday, September 9th.

American Legion Post 91 will conduct the 11th annual commemoration of Patriot Day on September 11th at 9:00 a.m. on the Berea Triangle and its annual POW-MIA ceremony on September 21st at 7:00 p.m. on the post pavilion.

The Department of Veterans Affairs Parma Outpatient Clinic is having an Open House on Saturday, September 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A classic car show and 1955 Ford Thunderbird raffle will take place in the parking lot during the open house with proceeds going to the Greater Cleveland Fisher House.

President Pocci opened the floor to visitors for any comments. The following bullet points were topics of discussion.

Mick Panek

- Services of the CEOGC
- Plain Dealer article concerning veterans accused of mileage scam

Mel Davis

- Suggested the 11th Congressional District Labor Day parade for future CCVSC outreach

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue related to client services.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:26 a.m.)

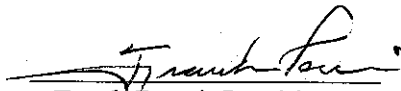
A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Bob Potts to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular order of business.

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Uzell, Weist. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:52 a.m.)

A personnel issue related to client services was discussed in Executive Session. The Executive Director was instructed on how to proceed with the matter.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Dan Weist to adjourn the meeting at 10:53 a.m.

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


Frank Pocci, President


Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary

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Social Work Dept.:	Terry Walker, Manager, Social Worker/Case Management (216-698-2379)
Executive Director:	Bob Schloendorn (216-698-2611)
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