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MINUTES

DATE: October 3, 2012 9:30 a.m.

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

ABSENT: Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary

VISITORS: Mick Panek, Mel Davis, Thomas Zung

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 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. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Clay Uzell – VFW (Report submitted prior to the meeting.)

- September 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- September 8th – I attended a District 7 fundraiser picnic for the Ladies Auxiliary Sr. Vice President for her upcoming year at VFW Post 8548 Madison.
- September 9th – I drove the CCVSC van in the Lyndhurst Home Days Parade. Two Jr. girls from Ladies Auxiliary 2595 Painesville walked along side the van handing out CCVSC pamphlets. Following the parade, a rededication ceremony was conducted at the Lyndhurst Veterans Monument with the Mayor of Lyndhurst, District 7 Auxiliary President and the President of Post 7536 present. Wreaths were laid, the Flag was raised, the Pledge of Allegiance was said and taps was played to remember all fallen heroes.
- September 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- September 22nd – I attended a POW/MIA service and dinner at Amherst VFW Post 1662.

- September 24th – I attended a Past President's dinner and meeting at Parma VFW Post 1974. I called bingo for the ladies.
- September 26th – I attended the CCVSC Level III hearings and a District Past President's dinner in Painesville later that day.
- September 29th – I attended the VFW 113th Founder's Day ceremony and parade of flags in Columbus and the luncheon that followed at Post 9473 Reynoldsburg.

Dan Weist – DAV

- I attended both open public Board meetings and both Level III Appeal hearings during the month of September.
- September 19th – I attended the VFW North Olmsted monthly meeting.
- September 25, 2012 – I attended the Korean War Commemoration Ceremony at Avon Lake American Legion Post 211.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- September 5th was American Legion Post 91's 93rd birthday. The Post celebrated by serving cake all day.
- September 9th – American Legion 13th District Fall Conference was held at 10:00 a.m. at American Legion Post 610. I gave the District financial reports as District Finance officer.
- September 11th – American Legion Post 91 conducted the 11th annual commemoration of Patriot Day at 9:00 a.m. on the Berea Triangle. The event was covered by WOIO Channel 19. I served as master of ceremonies.
- September 13th – American Legion Post 91 conducted its annual POW-MIA ceremony at 7:00 p.m. on the Post pavilion. I assisted in the reading of the names of those from Ohio that are still listed as missing in action.
- September 24th – I attended the American Legion 13th District E-board meeting at American Legion Post 610 in Brook Park, Ohio. I gave an updated District financial report as District Finance officer.
- September 27, 2012 – American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. I gave an updated membership report as First Vice Commander.

Upcoming Events for October 2012:

- October 3rd – American Legion 13th District Council meeting is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at American Legion Post 343 in Euclid. I will present my financial report as District Finance officer.
- October 11th – Post 91 membership meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.
- October 17th – The CCVSC outreach meeting is scheduled to be held at American Legion Post 91 at 7:00 p.m.
- October 22nd – American Legion 13th District E-board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at American Legion Post 343 in Euclid, Ohio.
- October 25th – Post 91 executive board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Bob Potts – VVA

- September 4th – I attended the monthly Board meeting for VVA Chapter 249 at American Legion Post 421. At that meeting, we had a WWII veteran that served with the 42nd Division in Europe and the first Americans to free the prisoners at Auschwitz concentration camp.
- September 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public Board meeting.
- September 12th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.

- September 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public Board meeting.
- September 25th – I attended the Regional training program in Mansfield, Ohio.
- September 26th – I attended the CCVSC Level III Appeals hearings.
- October 2nd – I attended the monthly Board meeting for VVA Chapter 249 at American Legion Post 421.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- October 2nd – I provided the financial report for Post 80 at the general meeting.
- Post 80 did have Honor Guard duty at the Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.
- The AMVETS District 20 meeting will be at Post 109, Mentor-on-the-Lake at 7:30 p.m.
- The AMVETS Ohio conference will be at the Hilton Hotel in Beachwood.
- The AMVETS Post 80 annual Commander's Ball will be held on October 7th at the Birchwood Party Center from 1-5 p.m.

Other Activities:

- I attended all the CCVSC open meetings as well as the Level III Appeals hearings in the month of September.
- I spoke to a veteran who, unfortunately, we were unable to help due to his income level and the fact that he is not and cannot be service connected.
- I attended the monthly Italian American War Veterans Post 34 monthly open meeting where we added two new members. At this meeting, the new officers were installed by the Sr. Vice Commander for the Department of Ohio.
- Post 34 has approved a donation to cover the cost of mailing for "socks for the troops" collected by the grade school children of St. Bartholomew Academy.
- In speaking to a member of county council, I was told that the CCVSC budget was approved. As this was not scheduled to take place until October, I have asked the executive director to check to make sure the correct amended budget was the one approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Environmental Analysis and Management Group performed a general indoor air quality assessment of our office space and determined that, in general, we meet all requirements.

The AMVETS seat on the CCVSC Board will end on December 31, 2012. The appointing judge of the Common Pleas Court has been notified.

A motion was made by Dan Weist and seconded by Bob Potts to accept Resolution 2012-22; a resolution providing for the purchase of 5,000 can coolies from Cintas to be utilized as promotional items at outreach events for the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission, expenses not to exceed \$2,020.00.

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

CCVSC Financial Assistance Manager, Jennifer Mazzeo, gave an update on the department's operations. The goal of the department is to provide decisions on financial assistance applications

in a timely manner with the utmost professionalism and to strive for consistency among all the Eligibility Specialists.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Questions concerning free coffee at the Parma Outpatient Clinic can be directed to Calvin Curry, Chief Voluntary Services, Louis Stokes VA Medical Center, at 216-791-3800, Ext. 5110.

President Barrack Obama will be speaking at Cleveland State University on Friday, October 5, 2012. The Executive Director will contact traffic control for information on streets that will be closed.

President Pocci opened the floor to visitors for any comments.

Former CCVSC Commissioner, Thomas Zung, challenged the Board and staff to raise \$1,000.00 in private donations for the Greater Cleveland Fisher House Building Fund on behalf of the CCVSC. To jump start the campaign, Mr. Zung presented a personal check for \$300.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Dan Weist to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

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

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

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

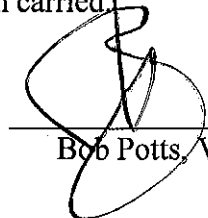
Discussion took place in Executive Session concerning future personnel issues due to the recent OPERS changes and succession plan. No final decisions have been made.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Dan Weist to adjourn the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

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



Frank Pocci, President



Bob Potts, Vice President

CONTACT INFORMATION

Requests for Financial Assistance:	Jennifer Mazzeo, Manager/Senior Investigator (216-698-2621)
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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)