



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
COMMISSIONER

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MINUTES

DATE: October 6, 2010 9:32 a.m.

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

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 Frank Pocci and seconded by Thomas Zung 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 Post 1056 held its monthly meeting and it was noted that several members and the post Commander will attend the Fall 7th District VFW Conference at the Westlake Holiday Inn, October 8th & 9th.
- October 27th, I visited the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio, with three of my fellow commissioners. We took an all day tour with the Director and Deputy Director. The OVH is a wonderful facility for our veterans. The residents are well cared for, the staff is friendly, and most veterans enjoy a single room with a shared bathroom. Nearly one-half of the residents are from Cuyahoga County.
- I assisted three veterans for job counseling; one is close to finding employment.
- I paid a visit to the Louis Stokes VA Medical Center and met our former social worker, Jeff Sedlak. I also said hello to John Evans of the American Legion and our service officers, Robert Erb and Iris DeHart. The new auxiliary office is well underway and the indoor parking superstructure connected to the main medical center is nearly in place.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- ◻ September 9th, I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. where I service as immediate past commander.
- ◻ September 11th, I conducted a commemoration program on the City of Berea Triangle at 9:00 a.m. Police and Fire Departments along with veterans and civilians were represented.
- ◻ September 16th, I attended the CCVSC outreach meeting at VFW Post 3345 in Strongsville, Ohio at 6:30 p.m.
- ◻ September 17th, I conducted the annual POW-MIA program held at American Legion Post 91 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◻ September 23rd, I attended the American Legion Post 91 e-board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- ◻ September 29th, Commissioners Zung, Potts, and I made a trip to the Sandusky Veterans Home. We were greeted by Steve Matune, Deputy Superintendent who introduced us to Rich Hatcher, Superintendent. Our meeting was very informative as Rick provided us with lots of statistics of the resident status, income requirements, funding by the State, the VA and the residents share, and medical care provided by the Home. Steve also stated the Home considers itself the 89th county for VA benefits for claims submitted, as they had a return awards amount of \$106,213.00 for FY 2009 - FY 2010. (OVH Report – Attached)

Upcoming Events for October:

- October 9th, I will be attending the OSAVSC District 2 meeting in Mansfield at 10:00 a.m.
- October 14th, the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting is to be held at 7:00 p.m.
- October 28th, American Legion Post 91 e-board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Bob Potts, VVA

- ◻ September 7, I attended my monthly board meeting.
- ◻ September 16th, the CCVSC Commissioners and I attended our second monthly open public meeting at Strongsville VFW Post 3345.
- ◻ September 17th, I attended American Legion Post 91 POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony.
- ◻ September 18th, Chapter 249 was asked by the St. Edwards High School Class of 1965 to be the Color Guard during the pre-game unveiling of a plaque dedicated to two members of their class that were KIA in Vietnam. They also read the names of those from St. Edwards that were KIA which included one from my class, Elmer Sikorski. After the dedication, we remained on the field for the playing of taps and the National Anthem.
- ◻ September 21st, I attended Chapter 249's monthly membership meeting.
- ◻ September 23rd, I went to Medina VVA Chapter 385 to listen to a program called "Life After the U.S. Pullout from Vietnam." It was presented by former South Vietnamese (ARVN) soldiers. It was very interesting and sad to listen to these soldiers talk about the treatment they received at the hand of the N. Vietnamese.
- ◻ September 29th, Commissioners Zung, Baher, and I, drove to the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio for a tour of the facility. We were greeted by Steve Matune, Deputy Superintendent and taken to Rick Hatcher, Superintendent, who explained the operations of the Home. Steve then took us on a tour of the entire Home showing us the internal operations of the Sandusky Home. We also toured the museum. They want to get the word out about the Home, so I suggested that they make up a poster and send us some so that we can distribute them to the veterans' organizations.
- ◻ October 5th, I attended the monthly Chapter 249 board meeting.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended the funeral of a WWII veteran and presented his widow with a flag display case. I have since spoken with the widow who thanked me and the CCVSC for the case which will mean so much to her. She has the flag proudly displayed in the case in her family room.
- I attended the Italian American War Veterans general meeting on September 29th, where we discussed membership renewal and the fact that tax reports need to be filed before the end of the year. We also notified the membership of the upcoming state meeting at Post #1 in Lorain, Ohio on October 24th.
- September 16th, the CCVSC Commissioners and I participated in the off-site Board meeting at Strongsville VFW Post 3345.
- Due to the inability to get the honor guard, ladies auxiliary members and other members of the Italian American War Veterans got together for the rededication of the memorial monument at the Rittman National Cemetery. During October, we will postpone this memorial event to sometime in May 2011.
- September 23rd, I attended a program called "Life after the U.S. Pullout from Vietnam" at Medina VVA Chapter 385. It was presented by former South Vietnamese (ARVN) soldiers who spoke about the treatment they received by the N. Vietnamese.

AMVETS EVENTS:

- September 7th, Post 80 General Meeting was held. We planned the Commander's Day at Northfield on October 12th. I also gave the monthly financial report.
- Post 80 was the Honor Guard at Rittman National Cemetery on September 21st.
- AMVETS Department of Ohio was notified that Post 80 referred the veteran the Department had written to us about to the CCVSC who, in turn, helped the veteran obtain a service connected pension.
- I attended the AMVETS Post 80 general meeting on October 5th where I gave the financial report.
- The Board of Trustees Executive meeting will take place on October 19th.
- Some of the Honor Guard members have passed away over the years and the post is looking for volunteers to help with this very worthy cause.

Daniel Weist – DAV

- September 16th, I attended the CCVSC open public meeting at Strongsville VFW Post 3345.
- I attended the OSAVSC Regional training in Mansfield, Ohio on September 14th at 6:30 p.m.
- I attended the VFW monthly meeting on September 15th.

The Board recessed at 10:23 a.m. and reconvened at 10:34 a.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

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

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Pocci to rescind the Guideline for Use of Incident Report Form dated October 29, 1996 at the recommendation of the Executive Director.

Under discussion, the Executive Director explained that incidents involving clients are now recorded in the notes section of eVetAssist.

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

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Pocci to accept the revised Performance Evaluation Policy dated October 6, 2010, as submitted by the Executive Director.

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

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Pocci to accept the revised Guideline for Employee Dress in the Work Place dated October 6, 2010, as submitted by the Executive Director.

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

A motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Frank Pocci to accept the revision to the Policy for Clarification of Benefits of the Non-Bargaining Unit Employees vs. the Bargaining Unit Employees dated October 6, 2010, as submitted by the Executive Director.

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

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

A holiday luncheon for CCVSC staff will be held at American Legion Post 91 on Friday, December 17th.

Bob Schloendorn met with Len Proper from AMVETS who gave us the name of the Americorp representative that will be stationed at CCVSC to assist our veteran clients in obtaining employment. The representative has been given space in the office.

The Executive Director and Steve Fernandez had a budget meeting with Jim McCafferty, County Administrator, and OBM staff on October 1st to discuss CCVSC initiatives.

The current VFW appointment on the CCVSC Board will end December 31, 2010. On or before October 15, 2010, Judge Nancy Fuerst of the Common Pleas Court will be sending the required notice to VFW posts asking for the names of three recommendations of persons eligible for appointment. ORC (5901.02) requires that the appointment be made on or before the fifteenth day of January of each year.

A policy issue was discussed regarding full payment of rent if the client lives with a roommate. The matter was deferred to the next meeting to allow more time to review the policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

AYES: Baher, Pocci, Potts, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:05 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, Weist, Zung. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (11:42 a.m.)

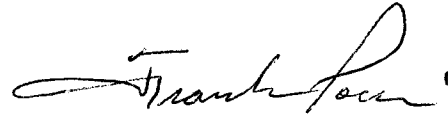
Commissioner Weist noted that performance evaluations are overdue for the Executive Director and Executive Secretary and will be completed as soon as possible.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Thomas Zung to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

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



Daniel T. Weist, President



Frank Pocci, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

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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)

Steve Matune

Subject: FW: fy 2009 and 2010

Just thought might be interested where we are so far between the two years, over ½ million again in retro payments, still have claims pending for fy 2010

FY 2009 total	218	\$520,740.00	\$ 142,049.00
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Month	Number Claims Submitted	RETRO	AWARD
July	44	84,248.00	19,506.00
August	36	67,821.00	10,554.00
September	21	35,790.00	9,366.00
October	17	39,499.00	10,516.00
November	12	53,716.00	7,602.00
December	27	54,092.00	12,584.00
January	16	37,994.00	7,631.00
February	9	50,032.00	6,194.00
March	19	28,244.00	8,532.00
April	18	15,747.00	4,496.00
May	22	29,173.00	6,406.00
June	18	16,010.00	2,826.00
FY 2010 total	259	\$512,366.00	\$ 106,213.00

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AUGUST 2010

Residents by Conflict Participation			
Conflict (may have served > one conflict)	Sandusky Nursing Home	Sandusky Domiciliary	Georgetown Nursing Home
Desert Storm	0	1	0
Korea	105	34	31
Lebanon	0	1	0
Persian Gulf - Operation Ernest Will	0	2	0
Persian Gulf - Operation Southern Watch	1	2	0
Vietnam	80	123	25
WWII	250	38	82
Total	436	201	138
Residents by Branch of Service			
Branch (may have served in > one branch)	Sandusky Nursing Home	Sandusky Domiciliary	Georgetown Nursing Home
Air Force	42	25	16
Army	241	93	81
Coast Guard	9	1	1
Marines	37	28	12
Navy	107	54	28
Total	436	201	138
Resident Census			
	Sandusky Nursing Home	Sandusky Domiciliary	Georgetown Nursing Home
Male	406	184	114
Female	17	8	7
Total	423	192	121
Residents Ages			
	Sandusky Nursing Home	Sandusky Domiciliary	Georgetown Nursing Home
Oldest Female	92	88	89
Oldest Male	99	93	97
Youngest Female	61	62	56
Youngest Male	47	35	57
Waiting List			
	Sandusky	Georgetown	
Standard Care	25	43	
Special Care	17	0	
Domiciliary	0	N/A	
DomiciliaryPlus	12	N/A	

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Admissions			
	Sandusky	Georgetown	
Standard Care	8	0	
Special Care	7	3	
Domiciliary	1	N/A	
DomiciliaryPlus	0	N/A	
Deaths & Transfers			
	Sandusky Nursing Home	Sandusky Domiciliary	Georgetown Nursing Home
Deaths	14	0	2
Transfers	12	1	