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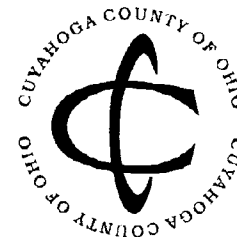


Vietnam Veterans of America  
**BOB POTTS**  
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

## Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission

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### MINUTES

**DATE:** November 3, 2010 9:34 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Daniel T. Weist, President  
Mel Baher, Vice President  
Frank Pocci, Secretary  
Bob Potts, Commissioner  
Thomas Zung, Commissioner  
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary

**ABSENT:** Robert E. Schloendorn, Executive Director  
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 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

- I attended the Euclid VFW Post 1056 monthly meeting.
- I, along with the post commander and several members of VFW 1056, attended the Fall 7<sup>th</sup> District Conference & Women's Auxiliary Conference paying tribute to the MIA at the Westlake Holiday Inn on October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>.
- I attended a meeting with Congresswoman Marcia Fudge at the Marriott Hotel to discuss veterans' affairs and her re-election to Congress.
- I attended the City Club Forum to hear the six candidates, who are running for Cuyahoga County Chief Executive, speak about their position on veterans in our county, especially the veterans service commission. Ed FitzGerald gave some funds to veterans' organizations; Mr. Lanci wants to trim the budget like he did in private business; Tim McCormack is interested in the welfare of children; and Mr. Dolan spoke of his success in business.

- I went to Eco Tuesday where the same group of candidates talked in depth about Lake Erie and the environment.
- VFW Post 1056 received the notice from the Common Pleas Administrative Judge of the VFW vacancy on the CCVSC Board commencing January 1, 2011 and ending December 15, 2015.

#### Mel Baher – American Legion

- October 9<sup>th</sup>, I attended the OSAVSC District 2 meeting in Mansfield, Ohio at 10:00 a.m. I am glad I attended this meeting because I learned of some things Richland County does that I believe we could investigate into possibly doing in our county.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m., as a member and immediate past Post Commander.
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, I attended the American Legion Department of Ohio Commander's Homecoming held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Independence, Ohio.
- October 28<sup>th</sup>, I attended the American Legion Post 91 e-board meeting at 7:00 p.m. as a member and immediate Post Commander.

#### Upcoming Events:

- November 3<sup>rd</sup>, I will be attending the American Legion 13<sup>th</sup> District meeting to be held at Post 703 at 7:30 p.m.
- November 11<sup>th</sup>, American Legion Post 91 membership meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. A Veteran's Day lunch (by our Ladies Auxiliary) and dinner (by our Sons of The American Legion) is planned.
- American Legion Post 91 e-board meeting is scheduled for November 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

#### Bob Potts – VVA

- October 5<sup>th</sup>, I attended my monthly board meeting.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, I along with Commissioners Pocci and Zung, attended Regional training in Ravenna, Ohio.
- October 19<sup>th</sup>, I attended the monthly membership meeting.
- November 2<sup>nd</sup>, I attended the Chapter Board meeting.
- November 5<sup>th</sup>, Westlake High School has invited our chapter, along with other veterans' organizations, to a veteran's breakfast hosted by the High School's home economics class.
- November 5<sup>th</sup>, Chapter 249 will be the Honor Guard for Holly Lane's Veteran's Day Program. All veterans are welcome.

#### Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I attended the AMVETS General meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Post 80 had their Honor Guard at Rittman National Cemetery on October 19<sup>th</sup>.
- October 12<sup>th</sup>, the post held its Commander's Night at Northfield Park in lieu of the annual Commander's Ball. The attendance was good and everyone enjoyed the evening out.
- October 16<sup>th</sup>, the post held a post clean-up day at the post.
- I attended the General meeting on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our post finances continue to decrease at the expected rate but are in order and there are no financial problems at this point.
- The post continues to look for Honor Guard volunteers as the ranks of the Honor Guard have dwindled due to death and illness.

*Other activities:*

- I attended the funeral of a highly decorated WWII Marine who was a gunnery sergeant. I will be meeting family members this week to present them with a flag display case.
- I replenished the Commission's flyers at the Middleburg Hts. library. It may be time to send another box to the county library administrator for another distribution to all branches.
- I stopped by to see the progress on the building of the new Vet Center in Parma. It is coming along well with steel beams in the ground and a lot of the groundwork seemingly well along the way.
- October 11<sup>th</sup>, I participated in the Columbus Day Parade. My car displayed the Commission magnetic placards and I enlisted the services of a young man (A.J. Pettiti) to walk behind the car and distribute CCVSC brochures.
- October 14<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Regional meeting in Ravenna along with Commissioners Potts and Zung. The meeting was one of the better ones I attended with a good presentation, exercises and lots of questions.
- October 24<sup>th</sup>, I attended the Italian American War Veterans Dept. of Ohio meeting in Lorain, Ohio. The focus was on getting more of the various posts to be represented at state meetings.
- October 29<sup>th</sup>, I directed the meeting of Post 34 Italian American War Veterans in the absence of our Commander, who is currently in a nursing home recovering, and other officers unable to come due to illnesses.

Dan Weist – DAV

- I attended my VFW meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.
- November 17<sup>th</sup>, I will be attending the Police and Fire "Man of the Year Ceremony" in North Olmsted.
- On Veterans Day, I will be attending two programs, one at Veterans Park and the other at Emerald Nursing Home.
- I am active in the Family Resource Group's "Adopt a Unit Program" out of Lorain, Ohio, and unofficially adopted my son's unit, the 4<sup>th</sup> Aviation Battalion out of Fort Hood.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The Board held an informal discussion with the Financial Assistance Manager and Social Work Manager concerning the issuance of need-based bus tickets. Both managers were asked to meet with the Executive Director and Finance Manager to collaborate on the implementation of our existing need-based transportation policy.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Bob Potts noted a disparity between the Eligibility Specialists numbers concerning approved, denied and withdrawn cases and asked that this item be placed on the next agenda for further discussion with the Executive Director.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Mel Baher confirmed arrangements for the CCVSC Holiday Luncheon at American Legion Post 91 on Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Thomas Zung will be attending the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> in the main lobby of the Franklin County Veterans Memorial in Columbus, Ohio.

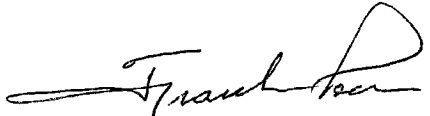
**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

There were no items for Executive Session.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Thomas Zung to adjourn the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

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

  
Daniel T. Weist, President

  
Frank Pocci, Secretary

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