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Disabled American Veterans
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COMMISSIONER



Veterans of Foreign Wars
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MINUTES

DATE: August 2, 2017 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Frank Pocci, President
Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Lorri Slivka, Executive Secretary
Brian Gutkoski, Asst. County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: Bob Potts, Vice President
William R. Caine, Commissioner

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher 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, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS:

Clay Uzell – VFW

- July 5th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting.
- July 7-8th – I attended the VFW Dept. of Ohio Council of Administration Conference held at the Holiday Inn in Independence, Ohio. I attended the school of instruction for chairmen, the C of A business section, and gave the safety report for the year. I attended the joint Testimonial for the new State Commander and Auxiliary President. Side note: We received good feedback on the CCVSC informational table that was manned by Tom Pearce.
- July 10th – I attended a Lake/Geauga County Council dinner held at the Concord Family Restaurant in Concord, Ohio.
- July 12th – I attended the CCVSC Level III appeals hearings.

- July 16th – I attended a Cuyahoga County Past President’s dinner held at Jordan’s Family Restaurant in Cleveland.
- July 17th – I attended the VFW Post 7536 meeting and conducted regular business. We went over the District 7 Council of Administration meeting and discussed the Post picnic coming up in August.
- July 19th – I attended the CCVSC open public meeting; ODVS Director Chip Tansill and two of his staff were guests.
- July 21-27th – I attended the VFW National Convention held in New Orleans. I attended all business sessions, the installation of National Commander Keith Harmon from Ohio, and marched with the Ohio Delegation. I voted on bylaw changes and attended a patriotic rally that was held.
- July 31st – I attended the Past District 7 Commander’s meeting held at Parma Post 1974.

Mel Baher – American Legion

- Tuesday, July 4th – I volunteered on the parking crew at Post 91 for the annual City of Berea fireworks display. As usual, our lot was sold out by 8:00 p.m. for the show, which started about 9:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 5th – I attended the American Legion 13th District meeting held at American Legion Post 421 in Fairview Park, Ohio. The meeting began at 7:30 p.m. I presented the executive approved financial reports for April 2017, as District Finance officer.
- Thursday, July 13th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. As First Vice-Commander, I gave my updated membership report.
- Monday, July 24th – I attended the American Legion 13th District executive board meeting held at American Legion Post 421 at 7:30 p.m. I presented the May 2017 financial reports for approval, as District Finance Officer.
- Thursday, July 27th – I attended the American Legion Post 91 executive board meeting at 7:00 p.m. As First Vice-Commander, I serve as the membership chairman. I gave an updated Department membership report. Post 91 is Quota for the 2017 membership year, and All Time High now for 20 consecutive years.

Frank Pocci – AMVETS

- I gave the financial report for Post 80 on August 1st. The past year financial paperwork was reviewed by the committee and was passed on a motion as being accurate.
- The Honor Guard served funeral duties at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in June.
- A member of Post 80 passed away this past week. The Honor Guard will pay their honors to the deceased when he is buried this Friday.

Other Activities:

- During the month of June, I attended three of the four scheduled CCVSC meetings. I missed one meeting due to the death of my brother-in-law.
- I referred one veteran to Parma for filing a claim and one to our downtown office with a question regarding a possible claim due to the Camp Lejeune bad water.
- I attended the Italian American War Veterans (ITAM) monthly meeting. As finance officer, I also completed our financial report.
- The next Italian American War Veterans State Department meeting will be held in October.

Bill Caine – DAV (report was submitted prior to the meeting)

- July 3rd – Met with a Berea police detective investigating a case of a male impersonating the DAV and fundraising without authorization. Made several follow-up calls debunking his false explanations and aiding the investigation.

- July 4th – Visited the home chapter auxiliary hosting an event at Lakewood Park. Spoke with seven veterans and one survivor regarding federal and county benefits.
- July 10th – Accepted a four-year appointment by the State Commander to the Department of Ohio DAV Financial Chair.
- July 12th – Participated in a DAV Chapter 116 summer picnic at VA Transition House, a
- July 18th – Attended and served at the VVA and DAV annual picnic and bingo at Put-In-Bay for residents of the Sandusky Ohio Veterans Home.
- July 19th – Attended Chapter 116 monthly board and general meetings. Set up fall service projects for the Chapter, the Vet Center and the Sandusky Home.
- July 25th – Following a meeting with Chapter 116 officers, visited employees of the CCVSC at the Parma CBOC.
- July 27th through August 2nd – Traveled to New Orleans to attend the 97th Annual DAV National Convention both as a State Delegate and as a National Trustee of the Columbia trust.
- Attended all sessions of the CCVSC during the month of July.

Bob Potts – (Excused, no report submitted)

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve the revised Policy on Time and Attendance, dated August 2, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve the revised Performance Evaluation Policy, dated August 2, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve the revised Guideline for Employee Dress in the Work Place, dated August 2, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve the revised Policy on Administration Procedure of Three (3) Personal Days, dated August 2, 2017.

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

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to approve the Policy on Requests for Copies of Public Records, dated August 2, 2017.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

At the request of CCVSC employees, the Executive Director proposed that the Board consider providing gym membership reimbursement up to \$65.00/mo. per employee in this year's budget, as part of the new County Wellness Program. After discussion, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to authorize the Executive Director to implement a plan to reimburse employees gym membership up to \$65.00/mo., for the remaining months of 2017.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

It was noted that the only issue approved in the Title 59 Budget Bill was a change to the Executive Director qualifications.

Judge John Russo and Prosecutor Michael O'Malley are doing a panel discussion at the City Club at noon on Friday, August 18, 2017, on the topic of criminal justice reform. If interested, you can tune in to 90.3 WCPN.

Jon Reiss will be the emcee at a Rolling Thunder Chair of Honor ceremony at the Justice Center on Friday, August 4, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. The Sheriff's Dept. will be providing the Color Guard for the event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter concerning discipline.

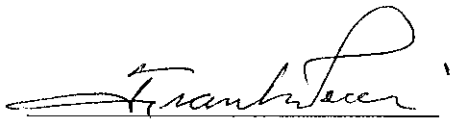
AYES: Baher, Pocci, Uzell. NAYS: None. Motion carried. (10:13 a.m.)

The Board came out of Executive Session and returned to the regular order of business at 10:58 a.m.

In Executive Session, the Board discussed a personnel matter regarding employee discipline and gave instructions to the Executive Director on how to proceed.

With no further business, a motion was made by Mel Baher and seconded by Clay Uzell to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m.

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


Frank Pocci, President


Clayton E. Uzell, Secretary