

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting  
19 September, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Fred Kozak, Richard Strain, Lyle Bartels and, Ronald Corbett excused.  
Forrest Doyle CVSO / Secretary, No County Commissioners and No people from public.  
Doyle reminded those present of the open meetings law posted at the back of the room.

Alan Strouf moved to approve the agenda motion carried.

Doyle read the minutes of the 16 May, 2019 regular meeting. Bartels made motion to approve the minutes as read Seconded by Strain. Voting aye: 4, nays: none motion carried.

Doyle read the report of what the office has done as to seeing veterans and dependents for claims and help from the office. From the Federal VA 8 new claims and 2 completed and 7 requests to increase Service connected claims, and 1 completed and No new Non service connected claims. 0 requests for school, 4 for Discharges from the National Archives, 4 requests for health care and 1 appointment requested. And reported to the VA and the state of Nebraska 8 Veterans have passed away and 10 spouses and, for the office 8 Veterans, 10 Spouses passed away for the office files. For widows 2 requests for compensation or pensions for Widows, 3 burial benefits and 1 completed 5 headstones or markers.

Had no request for Senators Office help and, 0 Requests for Homestead exemption letters.

Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 11 from state and 7 from the county, 5 hunting and Fishing permit, 1 State Veterans Home applications. And 15 request for transportation for health care and completing 15 of these trips. Office has provided 11 county markers. Nebraska Veterans Aid has paid from last report 3 New claims for aid \$4441.30 with 2 denied for \$2483.20 and we have 2 pending for \$4939.20. County Aid fund started at \$ 2578.25 and had 0 requests for County Aid. The Checking Account fund is \$2578.25 with a reserve fund for \$ 4329.00. The VA starting a new Veterans Transportation Service (VTS) which is picking veterans up at their homes and taking them to Lincoln or Omaha appointments which started around the first of February

Veterans Office Budget was passed as submitted and is in good shape. A Line Item was added for Veterans Memorial Repairs for \$10,000. and looking at replacing the Office computer this year or next year. Veterans Memorial Budget \$11499.37 was returned to the Visitors Budget as per the State Auditors. The New Kiosk is now installed and running and have started to get the surround for the Kiosk installed fitting of the new kiosk. I am the only spending about Hour week entering information in the Kiosk I am still entering information and Pictures mostly from the newspaper obituaries. Reported on the states computer system Vetera Spec as it has been making filing claims easier. This office has had 90 reported interactions with the Vetera Spec system

Report on Outreach at Crete Veterans and Friends (VFW) going only the first Wednesday of the month until it shows that it is need for more time. The Office with the help of Lyle Bartels has started a

Veterans Recognition Program to be presented once a month at the County Commissioners meeting, The office will collect submitted names of veterans and then the committee will vote on who should get recognized for the next month. The Program has started and on the 17 of September Robert Kasl of Dorchester was recognized to start the program off. CVSO will give out the recognition Applications at the County Meeting next week and at the next VFW meeting to get a list of names of veterans.

I have started working on some new Vietnam Blue Water claims and these will take some time looking for ships log book pages for ships position reports and provided some examples of the pages which can be hard to read from on line site for logs and ships.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be Thursday 16 January 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the courthouse assembly room. With no further business to come before the committee Kozak moved for Adjournment and seconded by Strain Voting aye: 4, nays: none, motion carried. Alan Strouf adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary