

Veterans Service Committee Regular Meeting

5 May 2021

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Alan Strouf chairman, Fred Kozak, Lyle Bartels and, Bernard Hoesche, Ronald Corbett. 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, Ronald Corbett Requested to add reciting the Pledge of Allegiance to the Agenda approved and voted on 5 aye's 0 nays. Read the minutes of 1 January 2021, Ronald Corbett requested that the minutes be amended as he was excused and could not approve the budget so ordered, Corbett motion to approve the minutes amended seconded by Fred Kozak voting 5 aye 0 nays. Doyle read the report of what the office has done as to seeing veterans and dependents for claims and help from the office. See attached Office Report from the Federal VA and the state of Nebraska 6 Veterans have passed away and 9 spouses and, for the office files 6 Veterans, 9 Spouses passed away for the office files. Had 3 requests for Senators Office help and, 26 Requests for Homestead exemption letters. Nebraska and Saline County Help from the office discharges 7 from state and 18 from the county, 3 hunting and Fishing permit, no State Veterans Home applications. And 18 requests for transportation for health care and completing 14 of these trips. Office has provided 5 county markers. Nebraska Veterans Aid has paid from last report 1 New claim for aid \$4,500 & have no pending claims. County Aid fund started at \$ 3578.25 & had no requests for County Aid. The Checking Account fund is \$3578.25 with a reserve fund for \$ 3329.00. The VA is still running 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 and I know of 3 People that have used it for trips due to the shutdown of the courthouse. The Office has rescheduled the County Government Day from 17 March 2020 to October 2021 due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Fred Kozak made motion to except the office budget as submitted Seconded by Lyle Bartels Voting aye 4, nays none motion carried Veterans Office Budget was passed as submitted and is in good shape. On the Budget for 2022 will submit the salary with a 3% CLOA and no other changes to it Veterans Memorial Budget \$10,000.00. Wil look in to how to dispose of the damaged flag poles. The New Kiosk running. 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. 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 will restart going to Crete on 7 Oct. The Office will restart a Veterans Recognition Program to be presented once a month at the County Commissioners meeting on 29 Sept. Lyle will try again talking to Tom Brandt about changing the statutes as to who can receive the County Aid. Still looking in to county's Facebook Page. The next regular scheduled meeting will be Wed 15 September 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the courthouse assembly room. With no further business to come before the committee Kozak moved for Adjournment and seconded by Bartels. Voting aye: 5, nays: none, motion carried.

Alan Strouf adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Forrest A. Doyle, Secretary

01/21/2021

SALINE COUNTY VETERANS OFFICE REPORT

05/05/20218

START DATE

END DATE

FEDERAL ENTITLEMENTS				
	INTERVIEW	APPLICATION	CLAIM	OTHER
VETERAN				
COMPENSATION	8	6	5	2
INCREASE S/C COMPENSATION	5	3	3	1
APPOINT VETS ORGANIZATION 21-22	14	5	5	5
NON-SERVICE PENSION VET	6	0	0	0
EDUCATION	3	1	1	0
HOME LOAN	7	4	4	2
DISCHARGE / DD-214 SF180	10	9	9	2
VA HEALTH CARE 10-10 EZ	4	4	4	2
VA HEALTH CARE 10-10 EZR ANNUAL UPDATE	1	1	1	1
REQUEST HEALTH CARE APPOINTMENT	4	4	4	4
INSURANCE	0	0	0	0
REQUEST COPY OF CLAIM FILE	6	3	3	1
DECEASED VETERAN / SPOUSE		6 / 9	6 / 9	
HOMESTEAD LETTER	3	23	23	5
CHAMPVA FOR FAMILY	2	2	2	0
APPEAL RATING DECISION	7	4	4	
DEBIT WAIVER	0	0	0	0
PENSION VERIFICATION REPORT	0	0	0	0
WIDOWS /CHILDERN				
	Spouse			
DIC / WIDOWS PENSION	4	3	3	1
APPOINT VETERANS ORGANIZATION 21-22	4	4	4	1
BURIAL BENEFITS	6	6	4	1
VA HEADSTONE / MARKER	6	5	5	1
PENSION VERIFICATION REPORT	1	1	1	0
INSURANCE CLAIM	0	0	0	0
CHAMPVA FOR FAMILY	1	1	1	0
REQUEST APPOINTMENT	4	4	4	4
NATIONAL CEMETERY	2	1	1	1
OTHER				
CONGERESSAL HELP REQUESTS	4	3	2	1

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NEBRASKA STATE ENTITLEMENTS				
	INTERVIEW	APPLICATION	CLAIM	OTHER
VETERAN	Veteran			
NEBRASKA VETERANS AID	3	1	1	1
				\$4,500
DISCHARGE / DD-214	8	7	3	3
HUNTING FISHING PERMITS	3	3	3	0
NEBRASKA VETERANS HOME	5	0	0	0
NEBRASKA VETERANS CEMETRY	6	0	0	0
APPEAL DECISION	0	0	0	0
BURIAL CARDS		6	6	6
OTHER	0			
SALINE COUNTY ENTITLEMENTS				
	Veteran			
SALINE COUNTY VETERANS AID	2	0	0	0
TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS	18	18		14
MEMORIAL	15	13		5
HOME VISITS / LETTERS	2	2	1	1
MEETINGS ATTENDED	9	9	9	9
DECEASED VETERAN / SPOUSE		6 / 9	6 / 9	
COUNTY MARKERS		5	5	5
DISCHARGE / DD-214	18	18	9	9
OTHER NON VETERAN REQUEST	0	0	0	0