

Veteran Advisory Board Meeting Minutes, May 3, 2017

1. Roll Call:

Board Members in attendance: Rod Davis, Ken Slininger, Gary Bracht, Fil Rivera, Eileen Bornheimer, David Ristrom and Eileen Boylston. Absent: Mark Owens & Rex Davis

Commissioner in attendance: None

Guests: None

2. Reading and approval of the old minutes.

Old Business:

- Review assistance spreadsheet- we did not have the spreadsheet to review. Discussed that we need to get it in the future. We have not been able to review it this year at all.
- Status on hiring a service officer –The Service Officer has been hired, his name is Jerry Gingrich. Discussed that he should spend a day with the Chelan County Service Officer and the Okanogan County Service Officer to get an idea on how they do business in those counties, as well as our local county service officers. Discussed the need to get the new VSO a cell phone so that cards can be ordered that could be given around the community and to all Police Departments that list name, address and telephone number for veteran service officer. Rod noted that this position is for 32 hours per week, but that the Commissioners gave the board the authority to authorize up to 6 additional hours if emergency arises that required extra hours. Gary noted that this should be left to the county, that this is an HR function; Fil second that notion.
- Eileen Boylston will invite Eric Fritts to our next meeting on June 7th to demo his computer program that he uses to manage county veteran funds; so that board members can decide if it should be purchased for use by new VSO.
- Appointment letters: all appointment letters have been done. Rod noted that during the next Quarterly Meeting if anyone wanted to take over the Chairman of the Board position, it is that time, he is fine with staying in this position if no one else wants it.
- Storage area. Next August we will need to break out all items to sort by type and size for Stand Down.
- Stand Down. Discussed having Color Guard, etc. to open our event –even though they will open the event for the 50th Year Commemoration of the Vietnam War event with the colors as well. Eileen emailed Maria and asked if they will have their own color guard and flags. Has not yet heard back. Discussed having two separate flyers, one for the Stand Down and one for the Commemoration. Eileen emailed Maria and asked if they have (or will have) a flyer for this event. Talked about doing a raffle, Rod will ask for donations from the community for the raffle. Discussed having Job Corps students in the medical field come to the event and do blood pressure screenings. Talked about either having some organization come and cut hair or possibly seeing if coupons for haircuts could be obtained. Discussed seeing if we could have someone be there to give flu shots. Suggested inviting the Civil Air Patrol and/or SkillsSource students to help put on the event. Eileen Boylston will contact Samaritan and Inland Blood Bank would be able/interested in setting up at our event.

3. New Business:

- Items for agenda for next meeting: Review Policies. Stand Down Planning.
- Discussed left over Stand Down items in Wenatchee. Eileen Boylston will check it out and plan to take items that we can give out at our Stand Down.
- Eileen Boylston will contact Eric Fritts and ask that he come and demo his computer program for the VSO.

4. Next meeting:

- Stand Down Planning Meeting. Wednesday, Jun 7th, 4pm, Grant County Courthouse, Ephrata.
- Quarterly Meeting. Wednesday, Jul 12th, 4pm, Grant County Courthouse, Ephrata.