

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

Department Spring Meetings, Portage, WI

Friday, May 6, 2022

3:30 PM

MINUTES

Chair Clifford Stanisch called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM with a salute to the Colors, Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken with the following in attendance:

Clifford Stanisch, Chair
Steve Krueger, Vice Chair
Ken McCormick, Member
Charlie Coleman, Member
Ron Kuta, Member
Gary Meyer, Employment Chair
Joe Hodgson, Hospital Chair
James Fialkowski, Department Service Office, Consultant
Denise Jamrozy, Camp AL Committee Chair, Consultant
Harry Bauer, DEC Liaison
Greg Eirich, Department Commander, Ex-Officio
Nathan Gear, Department Adjutant, Consultant

Excused:

Bill Crowley, Member
Tim Baranzyk, Homeless Vets TF Chair
Steve Conto, Cremated Remains TF Chair

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Steve Krueger, second by Charlie Coleman to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion Carried.

CHAIR REPORTS:

Hospital Report –Joe Hodgson reviewed his written report.

Motion by Joe Hodgson, second by Ken McCormick to approve the hospital report. Motion Carried.

Employment Report – Gary Meyer reviewed his written report.

Motion by Steve Krueger, second by Ken McCormick for Gary to establish a presentation to recognize employers of veterans at the state level. Motion Carried.

Homeless Vet Taskforce Report – the group reviewed Tim Baranzyk's report.

Motion by Steve Krueger, second by Charlie Coleman to approve Tim's report. Motion Carried.

Department Service Office – James Fialkowski reviewed his written report. He stated that there is \$8800 in Troop and Family Support. 3 Veterans have been helped from these funds since Midwinter. James also asked the group to support Tim Baranzyk especially at the county level.

Commander Eirich – He enjoys his visits to the VA facilities and meeting with their staff. He reminded the group to take advantage of Suicide Prevention training. The Commander is impressed with the tiny homes for veterans in Racine County. The SAL has raised over \$50,000 for the homeless veteran community. SAL Detachment Commander Fuller wants to expand this initiative. The Commander praised the work of Steve Conto, Tim Baranzyk and James Fialkowski.

Adjutant Gear – spoke to the group about the Kimberly Clark SALUTE program.

Motion by Steve Krueger, second by Ken McCormick to adjourn. Motion Carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm per ritual.

Respectfully submitted;

Clifford Stanisch, Chair