



Ottawa County
Department of Veteran Affairs

Veterans' Affairs Committee
Monday, July 22nd, 2024
9:00 A.M. – Fillmore Adm. Building, Room F

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call (Commissioner Kendra Wenzel, Patrick (PJ) Muir, Randal Cope, and Steven Barnes)
4. Public Comment
 - i. Paul Ryan - West Michigan Veteran Coalition - Scholarship applications open, Veteran scholarship and dependent scholarship and John Irwin Scholarship for veteran and dependent. Employers support of guard and reserve (ESGR)– expose civilians with field trips to military installations
5. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Approved
6. Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - i. Approved
7. Bylaw Review (Jason) - Committee Involvement
 - i. Randal – Review the acceptance of non-wartime era veterans on committee with 90-180 days honorable service with the inclusion of the Coast Guard.
8. Resource Fair & Stand down update (PJ, Brad, Jason)
 - i. Brad – Push for veteran registration and include security.
9. Director Report (Jason)
 - i. Jason – Reviewed County department improvements. Updated progress on department outreach, the inclusion of billboards and radio advertising and upcoming events.
10. Election of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

- i. Jason – Proposed emergency meeting to elect committee officials. The meeting date and time is proposed for August 7th at 6:30 PM.

11. Review of New/Previously Approved Applications for Financial Assistance- (Jason) (Closed Session if we have a case to review)

- i. Jason – reviewed last month's expenditures and case overviews.

12. VAC Meeting Per Diem – Mileage (Jason)

13. Other Business

- i. Jason – Proposed evening committee meetings.
- ii. PJ – Disseminated information for registration for Veterans Dinner on November 9th at 6:00 PM.
- iii. Brad – Discussed current state of Veterans Court in the county.

14. Adjournment

15. Next Meeting: August 7th, 2024