

Bay County Veteran Affairs

Committee Meeting

Date: Dec 8, 2021

Subject: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order by the President of the Board , Vaughn Beqick at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Vaughn Beqick, Troy Stewart, Marilyn Lazarz , Mike Pergande and Tim Eckstein. Motion by Eckstein 2nd by Pergande to accept the Sept 2021

Committee Minutes.

Citizens Input

None

Petitions and Communications

None

Service Officer Report:

Kaczmarek Gary Bowersock has completed his job training. Gary is organizing A request for "Relief Procedures".

Kaczmarek VA net income for an indigent veteran is <\$133,000.

Old Business

Goulet We have a shortage of volunteer drivers , Gary is doing a great job coordinating the Monday – Thursday scheduling, there is one person interested in driving, is there an MMRMA requirement. The phone system is working well all contacts/transfers are done.

Bowersock, We are down to two drivers, as of December 27th we will be down to one driver, we are currently driving on Monday – Wednesday, hopefully Thursday's soon.

Kaczmarek, All of the vans are equipped with First Aid kits and Fire Extinguishers. Post Vietnam Veterans over 65 may have monies available through a grant.

Lazarz, Gary are the VA drivers required to have a Covid vaccine, Gary, not at this time.

Bejick, Battery reminder for the Chair Ramp.

Honor Guard, The Bay County Honor Guard is looking for volunteers; we had 22 members we are now down to 10. Members must have the Covid Vaccine.
Pergande; Have you checked with the Reserve Unit or the National Guard?

New Business

Goulet Grave Flags can be bought through the County, Bay County Vets Council will order, store and maintain. Each organization will have to let Gary J. know how many to order. Pergande; The American Legion can order them through the Bay County General fund. There is currently a need for 3,000 flags, Lazarz made a motion to budget \$2,500 from the General Fund for the flags, seconded by Eckstein, all in favor. They will be ordered in Jan/Feb 2022.

Miscellaneous

Bejick; We have a special need that may need a "closed session" Amber Davis-Johnson is not here to confirm/authorize the request. Eckstein may we authorize some funds till a January Special meeting?. Eckstein made a motion that we provide the veteran in need \$2,565.00 to cover three months of the mortgage, seconded by Stewart, all in favor.

Citizens Input

None

Motion to adjourn by Lazarz, seconded by Pergande motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 pm. Next meeting is January 18, 2022.