

Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission
August 10, 2022

The meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the small meeting room. Members present were:

Greg Bell
Bill VanWaes
Robin Housley
Stephen Wheeler

Mike Male absent

Minutes of the July 13, 2022 meeting were read. Commissioner Wheeler made the motion to accept, Commissioner VanWaes seconded. Approved by all present.

August reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: VetPro discussion was held. The Administrator is still using the 90 demo which is full access to this program. The Administrator has the opportunity to see another software demonstration to see if that may suit our needs better. The Commission will wait until September's meeting to make a decision on which software to purchase.

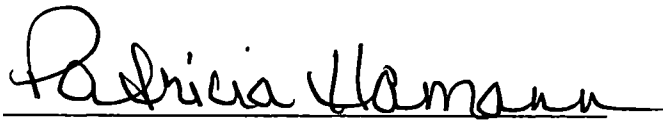
New Business: The Administrator discussed the PACT ACT 2022 with the Commission. Handouts were given. This new law will have a huge impact regarding Vietnam War Veterans as many weren't eligible unless they were in country Vietnam. This opens it up to 5 other countries. The Administrator asked about putting out a newsletter just to share this information. The Commission agreed that a newsletter would be good.

Allocation funds were discussed. The Administrator would like to have an outreach event since we haven't had one since 2019 with the Freedom Rock. Dates/times were discussed. The Administrator will contact the VA Hospital to see if we can get anyone there to attend and speak.

It was decided to do October 15th as that is an Iowa football free weekend. Commissioner Bell won't be able to attend as he has drill that weekend. We will distribute swag bags and have our give away items on a table. We will share information about the PACT ACT and potentially do "intent to file" claims that day and set up appointments to finish the claims for those who now qualify for benefits.

The Administrator felt starting at 9 a.m. that day would be good. Discussion was held regarding the location of the event. Commissioner Housley and VanWaes both agreed that the Lowden American Legion could accommodate this event. This will be a great location as it is also handicapped accessible also. We will serve coffee, water and donuts. The event should be over by 1 p.m. The Administrator would like to set up on Friday if possible.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on September 7th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. as Commissioner Bell will back to the winter hours at work then. Motion made by Commissioner VanWaes, seconded by Commissioner Wheeler. Motion carried to adjourn at 6:10 p.m.

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Patricia Hamann, Administrator