Minutes of Veterans Affairs Commission March 18, 2025

The meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor meeting room. Members present were:

Robin Housley Mike Male - absent Michael Stigers Shelly Howsare Bruce Jeffries

Minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting were read. Commissioner Jeffries made the motion to accept, Commissioner Housley seconded. Approved by all present.

March reports were reviewed. Reports were approved.

Old business: The Administrator gave the Commission an update on the budget. Discussion was held.

New business: The Administrator asked the Commission about cemetery flags. It was requested that the Administrator reach out to the different contacts about their flag needs. The Administrator let the Commission know about Mechanicsville needing all new flags as theirs got damaged during the Wreaths Across America that they participated in. The Administrator let the post know that these flags are not intended for that use as they won't hold up. The post will not use them in any future Wreaths Across America. They didn't realize how expensive they were to replace.

The Administrator gave the Commission and update regarding the Association. Resignation from the President position has been given and if approved during the eboard and association meeting will be effective April 17th which is the last day of spring school. Discussion was held regarding the resignation. The Commission is in full support of the Administrator's decision.

if the March meeting could be held on a Tuesday evening, March 18th instead of the 19th due to evening training for the Commission members. The Association is putting on training for the Commission members state wide at 6:00 p.m. The Commission agreed to start the normal meeting at 5:30 p.m. then follow with the state training.

The Regional Office monthly report was shared with the current numbers.

Next Commissioner meeting will be held on April 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. This is due to the Administrator being a spring school during the normal meeting day.

Motion made by Commissioner Stigers, seconded by Commissioner Housley. Motion carried to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. The Commission members then stayed to attend a state-wide Commissioner training that was held from 6:30-8:20 p.m. that night. The Administrator as the President of the Association along with the second vice and an education team member put on the training. It was well attended across the state virtually. It has been asked that we do more of these types of training.

Patricia Hamann, Administrator