

MINUTES  
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS  
Meeting of February 11, 2021 ~ 10:00 am  
ZOOM / Teleconference

**Members**

Larry Hill – Chairman, DAV  
Elizabeth Benn – United Women Veterans, Inc.  
Lester Bischoff – Retired Enlisted Assoc.  
John Carter - Blinded Veterans Assoc.  
Nellie De Baker – PLAV  
Roger Fetterly - MOAA  
Kim Queen Jewish War Veterans  
Paul Fisk – American Legion  
Mike Furgal – VFW  
Thomas Hultman – Navy Club of U.S.A.  
Bill Hustad - WI Vietnam Veterans  
Philip Landgraf – Marine Corp League  
Vern Larson – Vietnam Veterans of America  
William Lobeck – Military Order of the Purple Heart - ABSENT  
Colin Moten - CVSOA  
Dale Nelson – Paralyzed Veterans of America  
**VACANT – Vietnam Veterans Against the War**  
Fernando Rodriguez – American GI Forum  
David Schmidt – AMVETS  
Michelle Matusak - American Red Cross  
William Sims – National Association for Black Veterans - ABSENT  
**VACANT – WI Assoc. of Concerned Veterans**  
Kenneth Walz – Army Navy Union of the U.S. - ABSENT

*Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs*

*Inactive, USSVWWII*

*Inactive, CWV*

**Others Present (not all inclusive)**

Victoria Brahm, Director VISN 12  
Senator Wimberger  
Representative Skowronski  
Dawn McCarthy, Soldiers Home  
Al Labelle

**WDVA Present**

Mary Kolar, Secretary  
James Bond, Deputy Secretary  
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary  
Carla Vigue, Communications Director  
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant  
Shannon Miller, Communications  
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator  
Donald Placidi, Veterans Benefits  
Chad Koplien, General Counsel  
Shaun Stoeger, Tribal Liaison

1. Call to order, roll call  
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hill, a quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Certification of notice of meeting  
The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.
4. Review and action on COVP meeting minutes  
Chairman Hill made a motion to approve the August 13, 2020 meeting minutes carried over from November 5, 2020 meeting, Lester Bischoff 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.  
  
Chairman Hill made a motion to approve the November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020 meeting minutes. John Carter requested a change to note that he was present at the meeting. Colin Moten 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous vote.
5. Secretary's Comments  
Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the committee.
6. Presentations:
  - a. Victoria Brahm, Director VISN12
  - b. Senator Wimberger
  - c. Representative Skowronski
  - d. Dawn McCarthy, Solder Home, Milwaukee
  - e. Donald Placidi, Jr. – MMAC
7. Legislative Comments and Process:  
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided Legislative updates to the committee.
8. Old Business: None
9. New Business: None
10. Organizational Updated: Committee Members provided updates
11. Public Input: Al Labelle
12. Future meetings
  - May 6, 2021, Location TBD
  - August 12, 2021 Proposed
  - November 18, 2021 Proposed
  - February 10, 2022 Proposed
13. Future Agenda items: None
14. Adjournment  
A motion to adjourn by Chairman Hill, carried on a unanimous vote; meeting adjourned at 11:09am.

Larry Hill  
Chairman