

MINUTES
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS
Meeting of November 5, 2020 ~ 10:00 am
Webex / Teleconference

Members

Larry Hill – Chair, DAV ABSENT
Elizabeth Benn – United Women Veterans, Inc.
Lester Bischoff – Retired Enlisted Assoc. - ABSENT
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 - ABSENT
Vern Larson – Vietnam Veterans of America
William Lobeck – Military Order of the Purple Heart
Colin Moten - CVSOA
Dale Nelson – Paralyzed Veterans of America
VACANT – Vietnam Veterans Against the War
Fernando Rodriguez – American GI Forum
David Schmidt – AMVETS - ABSENT
Richard Seymour - 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)

Amy Pietsch, Fox Valley Technical College
Becky Boulanger, Fox Valley Technical College
Brian Michel, Mental Health America
Joe Rasmussen, UW Madison
Josh Sova, USO Wisconsin
Saul Newton, Veterans Chamber of Commerce

WDVA Present

Mary Kolar, 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
Anthony Schwartz, IT Department

1. Call to order, roll call
The meeting was called to order by Secretary Paul Fisk, a quorum was not 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
Based on audible responses a quorum was not present.* Approval of the August 13, 2020 meeting minutes is deferred to the February 11, 2021 meeting. *Note, additional members joined the meeting after roll call was complete or communicated after the meeting they were on the call, however, unable to unmute to participate in roll call.
5. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the committee.
6. Legislative Comments and Process
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided Legislative updates to the committee.

7. Old Business: None
8. New Business: None
9. Organization Updates: None
10. Presentations – Grant Recipients (FY2020):
 - a. Wisconsin Veterans Chamber of Commerce - Saul Newton, Executive Director
 - b. USO Wisconsin – Josh Sova, Executive Director
 - c. Fox Valley Technical College – April Pietsch, Director and Becky Boulanger, Executive Director.
 - d. Mental Health American – Brian Michel, Director
11. Public Input: None
12. Future meetings

The Council recommended the:

 - February 11, 2021, Virtual
 - May 6, 2021 – Location TBD
13. Future Agenda items: None
14. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by Paul Fisk, carried on a unanimous vote; meeting adjourned at 11:24am.

Paul Fisk
Secretary