

MINUTES
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS
Meeting of November 16, 2017
Wisconsin Veterans Home at King
N2665 County Road QQ
King, Wisconsin 54946

Members

David Schmidt, AMVETS
Fernando Rodriguez, American GI Forum
Paul Fisk, American Legion
Richard Seymour, American Red Cross
Paul Fine, ANU
Gary Traynor, Blinded Veterans Assoc.
Colin Moten, CVSOA
Larry Hill, DAV
Peter Gilbert, JWV
Phillip Landgraf, MCL
Roger Fetterly, MOAA
Vacant, MOPH
William Sims, NABV
Marie Annette Epnnett-Murphy, NCUSA
Nellie De Baker, PLAV
Vacant, PVA
Lester Bischoff, TREA
Elizabeth Benn, UWV
Mike Furgal, VFW
Steve House, VVA
Rich Peters, VVAW
Clifton Sorenson, WACVO
Bill Hustad, WVV
Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs
Inactive, USSVWWII
Inactive, CWV

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Charles Allen, Veterans Upward Bound
Kennith Walz, Army Navy Union
James Ruggel, Oneida CVSO

WDVA Present

Secretary Daniel Zimmerman
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant
Josh Heine, Executive Staff Assistant

1. **Call to order, roll call**

The meeting of the Council on Veterans Programs was called to order by Chair Elizabeth Benn. Role was called and 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. Election of Council Officers for the current fiscal year Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
Chair - Phillip Landgraf was nominated for Chair of the Council on Veterans Programs. A motion was made, seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Vice Chair - Lester Bischoff was nominated for Vice Chair of the Council on Veterans Programs. A motion was made, seconded and carried by a voice vote.

Secretary - Elizabeth Benn was nominated for Secretary of the Council on Veterans Programs. A motion was made, seconded and carried by a voice vote.

5. Action on minutes of June 29, 2017 COVP meeting

It was moved, seconded and carried on a voice vote to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2017.

6. Secretary's Comments

Secretary Zimmerman addressed the Council.

7. Brief question and answer session

Secretary Zimmerman answered questions from the council members.

8. Council discussion-focus, objectives for the coming year

Council discussed areas to focus on for the coming year to help improve Veterans Benefits. Council Members discussed focusing on suicide prevention, Veteran Homelessness, Opioid addiction, Dental and the Definition of a Veteran to get the Veteran Identifier on the Driver's License.

9. Council Members matters not subject to adoption

Council Chair requested the Veterans Information Paper 90 be sent to Council members.

10. Public Input

Mr. Charles Allen from the Veterans Upward Bound Program addressed the Council about the benefits this program bring to veterans.

11. Future Meetings

Next meeting tentatively set for February 22nd, 2018 at the High Ground Memorial.

12. Adjournment

It was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Phillip Landgraf
Chair

Attachments: