

MINUTES
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS
Meeting of February 6, 2020 ~ 10:00am
King Veterans Home
N2665 County Rd QQ, Waupaca, WI 54981

Members

Hill, Larry – Chair, DAV

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

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Al LaBelle, DAV
Peter Gilbert

WDVA Present

Mary Kolar, Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant
Chad Koplien, Chief Legal Counsel
Mindy Allen, Rules Coordinator
Tammy Servatius, Commandant
Shelly Jandt, Marden Center Director
Shaun Stoeger, Tribal Liaison
Tiffany Koehler, Woman Veteran Representative

Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs

Inactive, USSVWWII

Inactive, CWV

1. Call to order, roll call

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry 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
Vern Larson moved to approve the minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting with two corrections; Paul Fisk 2nd, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
5. Approval of COVP Bylaws
Nellie DeBaker made a motion to approve the revised Bylaws, Dale Nelson 2nd, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
6. Welcome
Tammy Servatius, King Commandant welcomed the committee.
7. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the committee.
8. Legislative Comments and Process
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided a Legislative update to the committee including Chapter 45 Legislation, SB446 & AB452.
9. Committee Legislative Support:
Paul Fisk made a motion for COVP support of Legislation SB446 & AB452, Vern Larson 2nd.
Discussion: Fernando Rodriquez recommended a revision to the motion that a letter of support from Chairman Hill be sent to the Legislative Committee. All approved on a unanimous voice vote.
10. WDVA Presentations:
Shelly Jandt - Marden Center Director, Shaun Stoeger – Tribal Liaison, Tiffany Koehler – Women Veteran Representative.
11. Public Input
Al LaBelle spoke on Veteran concerns and Legislative activity. Terry Kahn, Navy Union spoke o Camp American Legion activity.
12. Future meetings
The Council recommended the:
 - May 7, 2020 meeting be held via Teleconference
 - August 13, 2020 in Chippewa Falls
13. Future Agenda items
 - Presentation on the State Legislative Website
14. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn by Paul Fisk, 2nd by William Hustad, carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:27am.

Larry Hill
Chair