

VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES

(April 17, 2015)

A Veterans Service Commission Meeting was held on Friday, April 17, 2015 in the County Board room located on the 3rd floor of the Richland County Court House at 10:00 a.m.

Call to Order: Chairman Sebranek called the meeting to order.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Sebranek.

Commission members present: Chairman Sebranek and Commissioners Donald Seep, Dave Bee, James Deitelhoff, Buford (Jr.) Marshall. Citizens present: None.

Approve Agenda and Posting: Motion made by Commissioner Marshall to approve the posting and agenda and seconded by Commissioner Deitelhoff. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes from February Meeting: Motion made by Commissioner Deitelhoff to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2015 meeting and seconded by Commissioner Marshall. Motion carried.

Claims Updates: A Vietnam Army Veteran was granted 20% service connected effective 01/23/15 for Adult Type II Diabetes. Will receive \$263.23 per month. A Gulf War Navy Veteran, from Crawford County, was denied for PTSD with alcohol dependency with depressive mood due to the VA determining that due to his discharge as being "Other than Honorable". He is not entitled to any VA monetary benefit. He possibly can receive care at a VA hospital for a service disability or injury. He has to apply at a VA Hospital to determine his eligibility with them. A Vietnam Era Veteran was granted service connected compensation for tinnitus at 10% effective 10/31/13. Granted bilateral hearing loss at 0%. Denied Ischemic Heart Disease as to no proof found. Veteran was in country in Vietnam. Possible appeal claim if Veteran so wishes. Will receive a retro check for \$2,099.79, then \$133.17 after. A Gulf War Army Veteran was granted 10% service connected, 0% for left ear hearing loss and denied right ear hearing loss, effective 10/07/13. Retro check in the amount of \$2,099.79, then \$133.17 each month after. A Vietnam Army Veteran with a service connected compensation resumed at 100% effective 12/01/13 for Prostate Cancer. It is also rated at Total and Permanent. No future exams will be conducted. Will receive a retro check for \$45,417.90, then \$3,172.13 each month after. A Korea Army Veteran was granted service connected compensation at 10% for tinnitus, 0% for bilateral hearing loss. Non-service connected pension granted along with special monthly Pension for the housebound effective 09/25/2014. Since pension is greater than compensation at \$133.17 per month, he will receive pension at \$739.00 per month. Veteran will only receive pension as VA Law allows, the Veteran only receives the greater of the two, not both. Will receive a retro check in the amount of \$661.39 then \$739.00 every month after. An Afghanistan Army Veteran applied for service connected compensation for Thermo Regulatory Dysfunction, heart murmur, high blood pressure, acid reflux, left shoulder stiffness, and sleep interruptions. A Vietnam Army Veteran applied for Service connected compensation for having a shorter right leg, left hip pain and lower back pain. An Afghanistan/Iraq Air Force Veteran applied for service connected compensation for bilateral elbow injuries and right shoulder injury. A Widow of a Korea Army Veteran applied for Death Pension. A Vietnam Era Army Veteran was granted service connected compensation at 0% for a left groin strain and 10% for left elbow condition effective 09/11/14. Denied high blood pressure and left shoulder injury. Will receive a retro check of \$1,052.85, then \$133.17 monthly after. Still in appeal for bilateral hearing loss and tinnitus. A Peacetime Air Force Veteran applied for Individual Unemployability due to his 70% service connected compensation for anxiety disorder. An Afghanistan Army Veteran applied for service connected compensation for PTSD, bilateral hearing loss, tinnitus, left little finger

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fracture, lower back and right shoulder injuries. A spouse of a deceased Korea Veteran applied for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and Burial Benefits. Death Certificate was amended to include the service connected disability for asthma since the Veteran died of COPD. This allows more benefits for the Widow at the Service Officer's request.

Veteran Service Officer 2015 Budget: CVSO Kramer reported on the 2015 budget. Budget is performing as expected at this time. Motion by Commissioner Deitelhoff to accept the report the 2015 Budget report, seconded by Commissioner Bee. Motion carried.

2015 CVSO Grant: The county has to contact the Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs to find what requirements are still needed to attain the grant. Each county will be different in their requirements to attain the grant according to the last e-mail received.

WDVA Accreditation Report: The Assistant CVSO Adank briefed on her successful Accreditation training at WDVA in Milwaukee.

Hotel Reimbursement: Cost of hotel for training in Milwaukee was \$9.99 over the daily allowed rate of \$80. Motion by: Commissioner Seep, seconded by Commissioner Deitelhoff to reimburse Ms. Adank \$39.96 for her out of pocket expense for her room for training. Motion carried.

Transportation and Aid Vouchers: Commissioner Deitelhoff made a Motion to go into closed session, seconded by Commissioner Marshall. Roll call Vote: Sebranek—Yes, Marshall—Yes, Deitelhoff—Yes, Seep—Yes, Bee—Yes. Five in favor, none against. The meeting went into closed session for presentation of aid and travel vouchers.

Return to Open Session: Motion was made by Commissioner Marshall to come back into open session, seconded by Commissioner Deitelhoff. Motion carried. Open session.

Next Commission Meeting: The next meeting will convene on June 24, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn: Motion made by Commissioner Marshall to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Seep. Commission adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Adank, Assistant CVSO
Veterans Service Office