

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of March 10, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Keith Miller, Chairman; Janis Bauman, Commissioner; Norm Bednarek, Commissioner; and Rebekka Cary, CVSO & Executive Secretary.

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted and the meeting properly noticed. Motion by Miller to approve the agenda; second by Bauman. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Miller; second by Bauman. Motion carried.

There were no expenditures since the last meeting.

There were no Veterans Service Commission application to approve

There is an open enrollment period for Gulf War veterans to enroll in VA Healthcare from October 2022 to October 2023. There is also an open enrollment period until December 31, 2023 for military retirees who opted out of Survivors Benefit Plan (SBP) to now opt in.

The CVSO office has received the supplemental grant of \$17,528 from the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). They will be using it to purchase additional monitors for their offices to be placed where the veterans can see the forms the service officers are completing. The funds will also be used for some possible advertising and promotional items. The funds need to be spent by December 31, 2024.

ACVSO Tammi Brueggeman held resource training on March 7 and 9.

Currently, the American Legion of Wisconsin does not have an adjutant. They are in the process of looking to hire someone for the position.

The commander of the Portage American Legion post, Dean Simonson, has raised approximately \$10,000 to build a permanent flag burning monument. It is expected to be a decorative monument with benches around it so people can visit at any time. It will be placed behind the American Legion Headquarters.

Fall River will have a flag retirement May 5 and a brat fry April 20, May 18, and June 15.

The Fall River VFW will present scholarships to local high school senior winners on March 16.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday April 14, 2023 at 9:00 am.

With there being no other business to attend to, Miller motioned to adjourn, second by Bednarek.
The meeting adjourned at 9:31 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rebekka Cary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping flourish at the end of the name.

Rebekka L Cary, Columbia County Veterans' Service Officer
and Executive Secretary, Columbia County Veterans' Service Commission