

## COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

### Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of April 4, 2019

Meeting called to order at 8:35 am.

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

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted and the meeting properly noticed. There were no changes to the agenda. The agenda was approved on motion by Miller, seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved on motion by Bednarek, seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

The Commission's expense report since the last regular meeting was reviewed. Approval of the report was motioned by Bednarek and seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

Procopio v. Wilkie is a court case that could grant "Blue Water" Navy veterans the same benefits as those that served in-country Vietnam. We are still waiting to hear if the VA is going to appeal that decision. The VA is also considering adding 4 new conditions to the Agent Orange Presumptive List.

There are no new exceptional changes to WDVA benefits.

No change has been made in CVSO office staff and as of today, Cary is still acting CVSO.

Bednarek discussed some talks within the American Legion about eliminating inclusive dates and opening membership to all veterans with qualifying service regardless of dates of service. This will take approval from Congress.

County Student Government Day will be held April 17. Fairway Mortgage is hosting a Gold Star Mother event at the Portage High School on May 3.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2019 at 8:30 am.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Miller motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Bednarek. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,



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