

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of April 14, 2023

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were 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 Bauman to approve the agenda; second by Bednarek. Motion carried.

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

There were no expenditures since the last meeting.

There were no Veterans Service Commission application to approve

Cary brought attention to the dates of service for veterans who serviced in certain locations for presumption of exposure to agent orange. Some of these dates extend past the Vietnam era, so veterans who served in these locations during these dates could potentially be eligible for VA compensation if they develop a disease related to the exposure:

- Republic of Vietnam during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on May 7, 1975
- Thailand at any United States or Royal Thai base during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on June 30, 1976
- Laos during the period beginning on December 1, 1965, and ending on September 30, 1969
- Cambodia at Mimot or Krek, Kampong Cham Province during the period beginning on April 16, 1969, and ending on April 30, 1969
- on Guam or American Samoa, or in the territorial waters thereof, during the period beginning on January 9, 1962, and ending on July 31, 1980
- Johnston Atoll or on a ship that called at Johnston Atoll during the period beginning on January 1, 1972, and ending on September 30, 1977

Cary provided a copy of the press release (see attached) issued by the CVSO Association of Wisconsin in support of a property tax credit for 70% or more service-connected veterans.

Cary and ACVSO Tamra Brueggeman will be attending Veterans Day at the Capital.

Brueggeman attended Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) at Ft. McCoy on April 3-4. She reported the training was extremely valuable.

The groundbreaking for the flag retirement memorial at the American Legion Headquarters should take place soon. They are trying to have it completed by Flag Day, June 14. Bednarek credited Dean Simonson with the fundraising for the project.

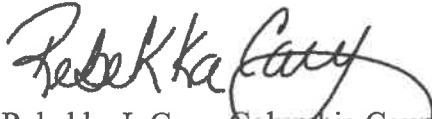
The Portage American Legion post will be postponing their annual steak fry from June to August.

The next Columbia County Council of the American Legion meeting is May 17 in Portage.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday May 5, 2023 at 9:00 am.

With there being no other business to attend to, Bednarek motioned to adjourn, second by Bauman. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rebekka Cary". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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