

COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION

Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of May 17, 2024

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were Janis Bauman, Chairman; Keith Miller, Commissioner; Norm Bednarek, Commissioner; and Tamra Bourne, Assistant CVSO & Executive Secretary (Stand In)

It was certified that the agenda was properly posted, and the meeting properly noticed. Motion for approval of the agenda by Bednarek, second by Miller. Motion carried.

The minutes from the last regular meeting were reviewed. Motion for approval by Miller, second by Bauman. Motion carried.

There were no expenditures to report.

Bourne stated that the Veteran Service Office had received a WDVA grant of \$15,813.00.

Bourne informed the commission that the Aldi and Walmart gift cards kept by the commission needed replenishing. Miller made a motion to up the inventory from the current 2 to 10. Second by Bednarek. Motion carried.

Bourne related that beginning June 10th, 2024 family members can apply for a commemorative plaque for a veteran who has been cremated but not buried.

Bauman stated that her golf club intended to make a donation to the commission. She gave them Rebekka Cary as POC.

Miller stated that the flag retirement on the 3rd with the 5th graders went well.

Bednarek gave an update on the Columbia County Cabin at Camp American Legion. The Cabin Committee met with the camp director on April 4th. Plans were approved and demolition of existing cabin is set for fall 2024 and depending on the weather building will start then too. The plan is to have the cabin ready for the 100th Anniversary of Camp American Legion next year.

Bednarek briefed on the American Legion County meeting that was held on May 15th in Cambria. The American Legion headquarters is hosting a car show on September 7th, 2024. There will be a celebration of freedom golf outing on 21 September 2024 at the Fairfield Hills Golf club in Baraboo. HQ's is affording veteran service organizations the chance to have brat fry's at their location. The primary dates are the 1st Friday of the month, but any Friday is available.

There will be a flag disposal on June 14th at the American Legion HQ.

Portage Honor Guard submitted application to be at the Dane County Regional Airport for the Badger Honor Flight.

Fall River VFW had two people and Portage AL had one person on the May 11th Badger Honor Flight.

Fall River VFW will continue with their brat fry's. The next one will be the third Thursday in June.

Fall River VFW will be having a stone placed at the High Ground. Celebration date is August 3rd.

The Iraq flagpole that Miller has will have a plaque made by the foundry in Fall River and will be placed at the cemetery.

The VFW presented the replacement flags and citizen certificates at the school on the 15th of May.

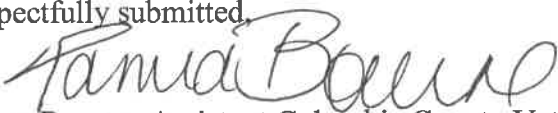
The Portage American Legion will be hosting a steak fry on June 10th, 2024, with half of the proceeds going to the Cabin fund at Camp American Legion.

AL HQ's is raffling a UTV. Tickets available at Johnson's where the UTV is on display or at the AL HQ's in Portage.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, June 21, 2024, at 9:00 am.

There being no other business before the commission at this time, Bednarek motioned to adjourn. Second by Miller. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Tamra Bourne, Assistant Columbia County Veterans' Service Officer
and Executive Secretary, Columbia County Veterans' Service Commission (stand-in)