

## **COLUMBIA COUNTY VETERANS' SERVICE COMMISSION**

### **Approved Meeting Minutes of The Regular Meeting of July 8, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 9:03 am.

Attendance was taken and those present were: Keith Miller, Chairman; Norman Bednarek, Commissioner; Janis Bauman, 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 Bednarek. Motion carried.

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

There were no expenditures to approve.

There were no Veteran Service Commission Fund applications.

The Sergeant First Class (SFC) Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, which expands VA benefits for veterans exposed to agent orange and burn pits, was voted on by the Senate before Cary had a chance to work with Corp Council on a resolution to support it. The Senate voted to approve the legislation. Since there were some changes from the House version, it will need to be reconciled prior to going to the President for signature. Two very important parts of the legislation is the presumptive diseases related to burn pit exposure and the expansion of the locations with known agent orange exposures. See the attached lists for the specifics.

Cary attended National Association of CVSOs conference in San Antonio, TX. She is participating the Certified Veterans' Advocate training.

The CVSO office received a \$1000.00 donation from the Elks Club to support the Veterans Service Commission and needy veterans.

The American Legion Annual Conference is July 13-17 in Green Bay.

The Columbia County Council of the American Legion meeting is August 17 in Columbus.

The Columbia County Cabin at Camp American Legion is continuing to be in use. The fundraising is continuing for a new cabin with the Portage Elks Lodge donating \$3500.00.

A brat fry will be held in Fall River September 1.

The American Legion Celebration of Freedom will be held in September at the Columbia County Fairgrounds.

The next meeting date was scheduled for Friday, August 12, 2022 at 9:00 am.

With there being no other business to attend to, Bednarek motioned to adjourn, second by Miller.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:26.

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