

Veterans' Committee Minutes
October 12, 2011 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Thompson, Wright, and Yepsen; Andrew Davis, Veterans' Director.

Chairman M. Johnson called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson the minutes of the September 12, 2011 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. Davis said Veterans' Assistance night took place on Tuesday, October 4th at the Saratoga City Center with 457 in attendance. Comments are being taken from all the participants, and a meeting will take place to discuss those things that need to be changed. The event averaged approximately \$6,000 less than the last two Veteran Assistance Nights with better attendance. There were 45 Korean Veterans scheduled to be honored with 30 in attendance. Mr. Davis thanked all those who offered their assistance at the event.

Mr. Davis said the changes to the Van Service were made effective September 19th. Most people have gone with the changes just fine and there have been some suggestions for different pickup points. The changes have reduced costs and mileage, with 27 pickup points in the county.

Mrs. Johnson thanked Mr. Wright, Mr. Hargrave, Mr. Lucia and Mr. Johnson for assisting in the calling of the names at the Korean War Veterans Honor Ceremony.

Ms. Yepsen said David Taylor Miller was honored at the honor wall last year at the Saratoga Battlefield. His mother has been trying to figure out a way to keep his spirit and legacy alive and has put together a fundraiser, Taylor's Heroes. Ms. Yepsen is inquiring about ways that the county could promote the fundraiser. Mrs. Johnson suggested that the posters could be displayed in town halls and on the individual town websites and the county website.

Ms. Yepsen said there is going to be a symposium at the Military Museum on October 17th from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. dealing with Women Veterans' issues. Many program and service providers have been invited to attend. It is hopeful that there will be a good turnout and that this will build on what has already been accomplished with the Guardian House.

Mrs. Johnson asked what organizations would be there? Ms. Yepsen said Empire State College; National Guard, VA Medical Center, Yellow Ribbon Program, Patriot Hills and many public or private agencies are on the invitation list.

On a motion made by Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Thompson the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom