

Veterans Committee Minutes  
September 9, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski, Supervisors Allen, Collyer, Jenkins, Tollisen; Chad Cooke, Deputy County Administrator, Frank McClement, Veterans Director.

Chairman Kinowski called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

**On a motion by Mr. Collyer, seconded by Mr. Allen the minutes of the August 3, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.**

Mr. McClement gave an outline of the monthly Veterans Service Report. There were 20 new claims submitted. Thirty-eight scheduled appointments with 16 walk-ins and 3 referrals from Department of Social Services as well as 12 Medicaid referrals conducted by the office.

Mr. McClement said his office has been taking part in training webinars and has been finding them very helpful and informational. He spoke of the webinars he has taken and has requested funding in next year's budget to participate in them.

Mr. McClement said the Saratoga County Veterans Peer to Peer Program participated in an event at the Albany Saratoga Speedway on August 7<sup>th</sup>. They set up a table and distributed information. Next year, the Speedway is interested in working with the Veterans Office to have a Veterans Appreciation Night at the Races.

The Saratoga County Veterans Van transported 110 Veterans to appointments in August. He said there was an accident with the van. The work is being done to fix the van and it is scheduled to be back in service in about a month.

The Veterans Trust Fund has a balance of \$30,182.83. The office is working on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K Veterans Run which will take place at Ft. Hardy Park in Schuylerville on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Information will be distributed to Supervisors as soon as possible.

The Peer to Peer Program had an article in Saratoga Today titled Saratoga County Vets & Pets. A Peer to Peer program meeting will be held in October and Mr. McClement and Ms. Hughes will be in attendance.

Mr. McClement gave the schedule of the remaining 2015 Deceased Veteran Ceremonies.

Mr. Jenkins asked how the concert was coming. Mr. McClement said the concert will be next year. There were issues with the City Center and other alternatives were looked at. Mr. Jenkins said if the money hasn't been spent could it be reappropriated to next year. Mr. McClement said the concert will be paid out of Peer to Peer funding. He said instead of forcing the concert this year, we're taking a step back and looking at options for next year. Mr. Kinowski said we need to initiate the concert now. Mr. Kinowski and Mr. McClement will get together to go over options and will report back to the Committee next month.

**On a motion by Mr. Tollisen, seconded by Mr. Jenkins the meeting was unanimously adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Wright, Clerk