

Veterans' Committee Minutes
May 6, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman M. Johnson; Supervisors Collyer, Kinowski, Lucia, Richardson, and Southworth; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Felipe Moon, Veterans Director.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Kinowski, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the April 1, 2013 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mrs. Johnson asked Mr. Moon what he meant in the April minutes when he said there were only two accreditations, New York State and the VFW which allows for better services for Veterans.

Mr. Moon said when he came to his position he was told that there were only two accreditations and one was the New York State Department of Veterans Affairs and the reason that they liked it was because everything is done electronically. He said to make the county more effective for Veterans we need to look at expanding other accreditations such as the Vietnam Veterans Association where they have a way in when it comes to claims for Vietnam Veterans. Mr. Moon said there are others and he would like the chance to expand and use others. He said he would encourage accreditation with the American Legion.

Mr. Moon gave a brief overview of the Executive Summary report that was distributed to all committee members for their review.

A motion was made by Mrs. Southworth, seconded by Mr. Lucia to approve a resolution for Home Rule Legislation requesting enactment of S3781A and A6452A to designate a portion of Route 4 from Schuylerville to Waterford as the Saratoga County Veterans Memorial Highway. Unanimous.

Mrs. Johnson said she has scheduled May 15, 2013 at 3:00p.m. as the date to meet with the subcommittee consisting of Supervisors Southworth and Richardson, Pam Hargrave, Clerk of the Board, Felipe Moon, Veterans' Director.

Mrs. Johnson said the Guardian House won \$25,000 in a contest where they had the most votes. They are now entered into the Grand Finale which is for \$250,000. All votes must be made during the month of May. Mrs. Johnson asked for the committees support in passing the information on through their town hall.

Mrs. Johnson said on May 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Halfmoon Town Hall Senator Marchione is sponsoring a Veteran's Hall of Fame Nominee Awards Ceremony. She said she has nominated Mr. Corsale from Saratoga County. There are fourteen nominees with eight from Saratoga

County, five from Rensselaer County and one from Columbia County. RSVP's are due by Friday, May 10th.

Mr. Moon said that he has been invited by Assemblyman Tedisco's office to visit the Men and Women's Veterans Shelters. Mr. Moon extended an invitation to all Supervisors. The event will take place on May 17th at 10:30a.m., at the Guardian House.

Mrs. Johnson said that the Decease Veterans Ceremony for May is from the Town of Corinth.

Mrs. Johnson said Courtney Slade, Veterans Justice Outreach Coordinator at the VA in Albany will be a guest speaker at the next Veterans Committee meeting in June.

On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Richardson the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom