

Veterans Committee Minutes  
November 3, 2014 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Wright; Supervisors Allen, Barrett, Kinowski, Lucia, Martin, and Sausville; Ryan Moore, Mgmt. Analyst; Kathy Pasture-Jordan, Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Frank Clement, Veterans; Press.

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

**On a motion made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Martin the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting were approved unanimously.**

Mr. McClement presented the monthly Veterans Office Operations Summary Report stating that 26 new claims were assembled and submitted. Twenty two appointments were scheduled with 17 walk-ins. There were 15 Medicaid referrals and 13 DSS referrals made. Mr. McClement said the Veterans Service Officer, Paul Mosseau and Account Clerk, Megan Cutbush are now fully trained and accredited by the NYS Division of Veterans Affairs.

Mr. McClement said the Veterans Agency provided 160 rides for Veterans for the month of October.

Mr. McClement said the current balance in the Veterans Trust Fund is \$23,588.05. On November 8th the third annual Revolutionary Run for Veterans 5k will be held at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville. He said currently there are 291 registered runners compared to last years' 170 and 65 the first year. Mr. McClement said that his office was very fortunate to have Momentive Performance as a corporate partner with a \$5,000 commitment. He said to date approximately \$8,000 has been raised in sponsorships.

Mr. McClement said there will be a Peer to Peer luncheon on November 14th with a presentation on Veteran Small Business Opportunities.

Mr. McClement said the Lang Brothers from the Town of Saratoga will be honored at the November Deceased Veterans Ceremony.

Mr. Wright said there is a Veterans Trust Fund Application that was received on Friday, October 31st for \$500 to help a young Veteran with two young children.

**A motion was made by Mr. Lucia, seconded by Mr. Barrett to approve a withdrawal from the Veterans Trust Fund in the amount of \$500. Unanimous.**

Mr. Hayner gave a brief power point presentation with regard to the re-launching of the F.A.V.O.R Program. He said since the inception of the program there have been over 3,000 Veterans signed up into the program as well as 300 businesses participating.

Mr. Hayner said with help from the company, Fingerpaint, a new logo has been created. The mission remains the same, which is to help Veterans understand the benefits that they have coming to them.

Mr. McClement said the new Veterans Van that has been ordered is going to look a little different, so an idea was to have some magnetic signs that could go on the sides of the van to promote the new F.A.V.O.R Program.

Mr. Wright commended both Mr. Hayner and Mr. McClement for all their hard work in establishing the new F.A.V.O.R. Program. He said since 2011 this has been a great program and the new program will just enhance that and provide better clarification about what the real mission of the program is.

Mr. McClement said since the inception of the program the Veterans Office has assisted over 1,300 Veterans in getting their proper documentation for service.

Mr. Martin said there are matched Assembly and Senate Bills that would provide Veterans extra pension benefits; however, the cost would be passed through to the counties to pick up the extra pension benefits.

Mr. Martin suggested forwarding this information on to the Legislative and Research committee to obtain information on what the actual costs would be, before deciding whether to join in with the NYS Association of Counties who is urging the Governor to veto the bill.

Mr. Wright said he would consult with the County Administrator's office to see if this should be forwarded on to the Legislative and Research Committee for more information and bring it back to the committee next month.

Mr. Martin said he attended a program that was held in Saratoga Springs at the public library, called the "Visions of War." He said he was pleased to see that there were not only Veterans from the Viet Nam War era in attendance, but a number of area residents as well as high school students. He said the presentation was wonderful, and one that should be shown again.

Mr. Lucia said the Town of Corinth is having their own Veterans Celebration on Monday, November 10th, which will include a band concert to honor the hometown hero's. He extended an invitation to anyone who would like to attend.

**On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Kinowski the meeting was adjourned unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Sansom