

Veterans Committee Minutes
November 2, 2015 - 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Kinowski; Supervisors Allen, Barrett, Lucia, Collyer and Martin; Chad Cooke, Deputy Administrator; Frank McClement, Veterans Director; Craig Hayner, County Clerk.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Barrett, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the October 5, 2015 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. McClement presented the Service Officer report as follows:

He said there were 22 new claims assembled and submitted to the Department of Veterans Affairs for October with 29 scheduled appointments, 18 walk-ins, 6 DSS referrals and 12 Medicaid referrals.

Veteran's events that the Veterans office participated in during the month of October included the following:

- A. 10/9 - Vet Help Appreciation
- B. 10/15 Malta Veterans Lunch
- C. 10/17 Honor Flight
- D. 10/19 Jail Presentation
- E. 10/26-10/27 attended the PFC Joseph E. Dwyer Conference - Mr. McClement said that every county in the state that receives the Joseph Dwyer Peer to Peer Grant funding sent representation, participating in workshops, presenting on individual programs, and hearing from the SUNY Albany evaluators about evaluations. Mr. McClement said he would be speaking to Chairman Kinowski about coming and presenting to either the Veterans Committee or the Board of Supervisors about Saratoga County's evaluation.
- F. 10/26 - TAP Presentation

Mr. McClement said the Veterans Van provided 166 rides for October. He also stated that the new van has been repaired and is back in service.

Mr. McClement said the current balance in the Veterans Trust Fund is \$34,141.46. The Revolutionary Run for Veterans 5k is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, with registration to begin at 8:30 and the run kickoff at 10:00 a.m. at Fort Hardy Park in Schuylerville.

Mr. McClement said his office was able to obtain approximately \$10,000 in sponsorships, with almost \$1,000 in online donations.

Mr. McClement said Mr. Gene Corsale from Saratoga Springs will be honored at the November 17th Deceased Honors Ceremony.

Mr. McClement gave a brief update on the Saratoga Springs Vietnam Commemorative Committee Mailing stating that a newsletter was established to include a one page summary of all the services that are provided through the Veterans Agency, including the Peer to Peer Program, Return the FAVOR Program, Veterans 5K and the Veterans Trust Fund. He said the Veterans Invitations were sent out to be printed and 7,800 copies have arrived for mailing.

Mr. Lucia said the Town of Corinth is having its second annual Veterans Day program to include the school band and chorus in the school auditorium. He said this year the program will be honoring local Vietnam Veterans.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Sansom