

Veterans Committee Minutes
September 14, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Chairman Phil Barrett; Supervisors Preston Allen, Ed Kinowski, Dick Lucia, Dan Pemrick and Matt Veitch; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Frank McClement, Veterans.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Lucia the minutes of the July 12, 2016 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. McClement distributed the monthly report, the numbers reflect July and August as the August meeting was cancelled. They had 31 new claims assembled and submitted, 53 scheduled appointments, 27 walk in clients, 10 DSS referrals and 21 Medicaid referrals.

The agency participated in several events in July and August including the Saratoga County Fair. Mr. McClement was invited by the Saratoga Chamber to meet with the Veterans Business Council to discuss upcoming events and initiatives. The NYSDVA Annual training was held in Rochester for the annual mandatory training. NYSDVA Community Conversation was hosted at SUNY Adirondack. The Saratoga Nursing and Rehab Veterans Wall of Honor dedication.

The transportation van provided 240 rides for July & August. The new van is working very well for transportation. It is easier for people with mobility issues to get on and off the van.

The Veterans Trust fund has a balance on hand of \$41,049.06. One check for \$1,020 came from a group of Marines who held their annual fundraiser in Corinth this year. A trip to the 9/11 memorial in NYC was held on August 17 for Peer to Peer members. For the September Deceased Veteran Ceremony, William Shaw from the Town of Malta will be honored.

Mr. Barrett gave a recap of the Salute to our Veterans Concert which was held on Labor Day, September 5. Mr. Barrett said that leading up to the concert, advertising was placed in newspapers and radio station advertisements were leveraged with on-air interviews with Mr. Barrett, Mr. McClement and Ms. Hughes. Mr. Barrett thanked all of the people and organizations that helped make this a very successful event. County Supervisors, staff and volunteers, Stewarts, SPAC, the band, Captain Fowler and the 30 sailors that helped usher the attendees. Mr. McClement said that several organizations had informational tables at the concert including Adopt a Soldier, Vet Help, Employment and Training, Stars for Troops and Empire State College.

The Saratoga County Revolutionary Run for Veterans is scheduled for November 5, 2016 at Fort Hardy Park, Schuylerville. Mr. McClement distributed the first draft of their event poster. Registration begins at 8:30am and the 5K run begins at 10am. Volunteers and sponsors are needed for this event. All of the proceeds will go to the trust fund. Mr. McClement will reach out to all of the Supervisors with the event details and for sponsorship ideas in their municipalities.

On a motion made by Mr. Pemrick, seconded by Mr. Allen the meeting was adjourned unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Legislative Clerk