

Veterans Committee Minutes
May 13, 2019 – 3:00 p.m.

Present: Chairman Richardson; Committee Members Preston Allen, Ed Kinowski, Dan Pemrick, Sandra Winney, Supervisor Tara Gaston; Chad Cooke, County Administrator; Frank McClement, Veterans; Craig Hayner, County Clerk; Press.

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

On a motion made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mrs. Winney, the minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were approved unanimously.

Mr. McClement distributed the monthly report and gave an brief overview. Some of the events participated in last month were Interagency Day, Benefits Review Class, Yellow Ribbon Day and Saratoga Housing Authority Health Fair. The van provided 127 rides for April. The Trust fund balance on hand as of the end of April was \$68,555. The Peer to Peer program continues to stay busy. Tuesday coffee night remains a popular gathering for veterans and averages approximately 20 participants. Mentor training was held on April 18 and a book drop event was held on April 27. Copies of the book will be provided to Supervisors.

For the Honor our Deceased Veterans ceremonies, May is scheduled for the City of Saratoga Springs and will be honoring Tracy Millis, WWII.

The Town of Galway is scheduled for June and Town of Clifton Park is scheduled for July.

Town of Halfmoon will be honoring Edwin Faulkner in August.

Mr. McClement said that the gym program will end on June 1st and has been going very well.

Mr. McClement gave an update on the veterans coin. He has been working with purchasing to get quotes. At this point they have a low quote and have requested a sample of a coin to view the quality. Once reviewed and approved by the committee, the order can then be placed. Mr. Kinowski suggested that the committee also consider a veterans pin as opposed to a coin, a pin can be displayed proudly as opposed to being hidden away. The cost could be less expensive and also gain more notoriety. Mr. Hayner said that the Favor program could also tie into this. Mr. McClement said that he will look into it and bring information back to the committee.

Mr. Richardson said that a proclamation for the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion will be presented at the May board meeting.

Mr. Richardson said that the supplies for the deceased veterans plaques have been received and the boards can be updated within the next few weeks.

Mr. Richardson said that he recently attended an event at Longfellows for Korean War Veterans. He distributed information provided by Mr. McClement to the attendees.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Therese Connolly
Deputy Clerk of the Board