

MINUTES
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS
Meeting of August 13, 2020 ~ 10:00am
Webex / Teleconference

Members

Hill, Larry – Chair, DAV

Benn, Elizabeth – United Women Veterans, Inc. - ABSENT
Bischoff, Lester – Retired Enlisted Assoc.
Carter, John - Blinded Veterans Assoc.
De Baker, Nellie – PLAV - Excused
Fetterly, Roger - MOAA
Queen Kim – Jewish War Veterans
Fisk, Paul – American Legion
Furgal, Mike – VFW - ABSENT
Hultman, Thomas – Navy Club of U.S.A.- Excused
Hustad, Bill - WI Vietnam Veterans
Landgraf, Phillip – Marine Corp League
Larson, Vern – Vietnam Veterans of America
Lobeck, William – Military Order of the Purple Heart
Moten, Colin - CVSOA
Nelson, Dale – Paralyzed Veterans of America
VACANT – Vietnam Veterans Against the War
Rodriguez, Fernando – American GI Forum - ABSENT
Schmidt, David – AMVETS
Seymour, Richard – American Red Cross
Sims, William – National Association for Black Veterans - ABSENT
VACANT – WI Assoc. of Concerned Veterans
Walz, Kenneth – Army Navy Union of the U.S. - ABSENT

Others Present (not all inclusive)

Kellianne Blazek, WEDC
Denise Stromme, Rep. Hesselbein Office
Daniel Checki, WVM Foundation

WDVA Present

Mary Kolar, Secretary
Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary
Carla Vigue, Communications Director
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant
Scott Sussman, Legal Counsel
Shannon Miller, Communications
Anthony Schwartz, IT
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator
Christopher Kolakowski, Museum Director
Donald Placidi, Veterans Benefits

Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs
Inactive, USSVWWII
Inactive, CWV

1. Call to order, roll call
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Larry Hill. A quorum was present.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. Certification of notice of meeting

The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.

4. Review and action on COVP meeting minutes
Phillip Landgraf moved to approve the minutes from the May 7th, 2020 Lester Bischoff 2nd, motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.
5. Secretary's Comments
Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the committee.
6. Presentation:
Kellianne Blazek, Director of Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) presented to the Council. Donald Placidi shared highlights of Veteran State Benefits
7. Legislative Comments and Process
Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided Legislative updates to the committee.
8. Additional updates:
Lester Bischoff, shared information on Veterans with Diabetes Partnership.
9. Old Business: None
10. New Business: None
11. Public Input: None
12. Election of Officers:
Chairman – Lester Bischoff nominated Larry Hill, Dale Nelson 2nd the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Larry Hill accepted the nomination.
Vice Chair – Larry Hill nominated Lester Bischoff, Phillip Landgraf 2nd the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Lester Bischoff accepted the nomination.
Secretary – Dale Nelson nominated Paul Fisk, Kim Queen 2nd the motion. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote. Paul Fisk accepted the nomination.
13. Future meetings
The Council recommended the:
 - February 11, 2021 – Location TBD
 - May 6, 2021 – Location TBD
14. Future Agenda items
15. Adjournment
A motion to adjourn by Larry Hill, 2nd by William Hustad, carried on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Larry Hill
Chair