## MINUTES COUNCIL ON VETERANS' PROGRAMS Meeting of May 6, 2021, 10:00 am ZOOM / Teleconference

## **Members**

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

Inactive: American Ex-POWs USSVWWII CWV

## **Others Present (not all inclusive)**

Michael Olmstead Curtis Schmitt, Jr. Charles Allen Bill Kloiber Mark Mathwig Daniel Riemer Jeff Krakow Mark Grams Nathan Bond Danny Lewandowski

## **WDVA Present**

Mary Kolar, Secretary James Bond, Deputy Secretary Kathy Still, Assistant Deputy Secretary Carla Vigue, Communications Director Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant Shannon Miller, Communications Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator Donald Placidi, Jr. Veterans Benefits Chad Koplien, General Counsel

- 1. <u>Call to order, roll call</u> The meeting was called to order by Chair Hill, a quorum was present.
- 2. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u> The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- 3. <u>Certification of notice of meeting</u> The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.
- 4. <u>Review and action on COVP meeting minutes</u> Paul Fisk made a motion to approve the February 11, 2021, meeting minutes, Colin Moten 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion; motion carried on a unanimous vote.
- 5. <u>Secretary's Comments</u> Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the council.
- 6. <u>Legislative Comments and Process:</u> Assistant Deputy Secretary Still provided Legislative updates to the council.
- 7. <u>Old Business:</u> None
- 8. <u>New Business:</u> None
- 9. <u>Organizational Updated:</u> Council members provided updates
- 10. <u>Public Input:</u>
  - Jeff Krakow
  - Charles Allen
- 11. Chair Larry Hill thanked Dale Nelson of the Paralyzed Veterans of American for his service on the Council.
- 12. <u>Future meetings</u>
  - August 12, 2021
  - November 18, 2021 Proposed
  - February 10, 2022 Proposed
- 13. <u>Future Agenda items:</u> None
- 14. <u>Adjournment</u>

Lester Bischoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Michael Furgal 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Larry Hill, Chair