

Bay County Veteran Affairs

Committee Meeting

Date: July 19, 2022

Subject: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Meeting called to order by the President of the Board , Vaughn Beqick at 3:00 pm.

Commissioners present were Vaughn Beqick, Marilyn Lazarz, Mike Pergande, Troy Stewart, and Tim Eckstein. Motion by Lazarz 2nd by Eckstein to accept the Mar 2022 Committee Minutes.

Citizens Input

None

Petitions and Communications

Leonard Norman stated that he has researched 22 cemeteries to date and has plans To put all his collected data on a spreadsheet. Pergande "Can you list them by County in order to match the numbers with the flag requests". Lazarz asked how Do you get the veteran information of those that have died in the past 5 months? Norman stated that Gary Bowersock is compiling that list. Lazarz: will this include The National Cemetery in Holly?

Goulet: While this list is not 100% currently it is much better than any we've ever Had. Beqick; Many graves are not marked well, maybe the cemetery managers can Help with this process. Barcia: "I would like to thank Leonard Norman for the great Job he is doing".

Motion to receive the Cemetery Project report by Pergande, second by Lazarz all in Favor.

Service Officer report:

Goulet: The County Attorney is currently busy with this being a contract year and Anticipates her briefing us soon.

Kazmerick, Camp Lejeune compensation for the contaminated water is moving forward There is also word that the Burn Pits maybe associated with Sarin Gas.

Barcia: Asked about the Michigan Trust Fund, Kazmerick: Veteran's age requirement
May exempt some from the rent payment help.

Old Business

Goulet: The Valley Garden Club's current project is across from the Community Center. They are trying to raise money for their next project which is Iwo Jima. This Will take place during the fall, Veterans Bricks on JFK Drive.

Beqick: The engraving of the WWII Veterans name on the monument is moving Forward, he commented on the nice job the Color guard did at the Munger Potatoe Festival. The POW/MIA ceremony will be held at Vietnam Veterans helicopter on The 4th of September during the River of Time. Lastly the 40th Anniversary of the Vietnam Wall is this year.

New Business

Reported under the Service Officer Report.

Miscellaneous

Eckstein: Chaplain Charles had a challenge coin made that he provides while Comforting individuals, he started with 150 coins and has just about run out. Eckstein Asked the group if we can come up with a way to help finance this? Tabled till next Meeting.

Lazarz: Bay County Veterans Guard is looking for younger members.

Citizens Input

None.

Motion to adjourn by Eckstein, seconded by Pergande, motion passed by all.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm, next Meeting is scheduled for September 20th.