

Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee
Clark County Public Service Center
1300 Franklin St, 6th Floor, Ste #679
Vancouver, Washington
April 27, 2011

Chair: Morris Giesler
Secretary: Michael Gibson

Vice Chair: Robert Nichols
Contract Service Officer: CRMHS

Meeting Called to order by Morris Giesler @ 1400

Roll Call: **[Bold script indicates presence at meeting]**

POST

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American Legion #14
American Legion #44
American Legion #168
American Legion #176
American Legion #208
DAV Chapter #4
Marine Corps League #826
VFW #4278
VFW #7824
VFW #12028
Vietnam Vets #512

PRIMARY

Morris Giesler
Jerry Keesee
Darren Wertz
Robert Nichols
Michael Gibson
Bob Blevins
Bruce Maas
Lou Baste
Stephen Stetson
Roy Billings
Ray Saranto
Greg Whitson
Members at Large
Thomas Dombeck
Kevin Lawson
Emily Stoutsenberger

SECONDARY

Jan Wojciechowski
Peggy Sheehan
Bo Russell
Mark Woods
Philip Yasson
George Hunt
Michael Riley
Ron Brandon
Robert Hitchcock
Ronald Frisbie

Jerry Keen

CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce, Pete Munroe

GUESTS

Pat Stryker and Youri Archer – CRMHS, Dan Tarbell and Larry Smith – CMAC, Elisa Cotton and Rodney Stallard – AL #27

Meeting Minutes: Steve Stetson motioned to approve the minutes from the meeting on March 23, 2011. Motion seconded by Greg Whitson and passed.

Community Presentations

Larry Smith and Daniel Tarbell, Co-Chairs of the Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC), presented information on the events their committee is working on for 2011. Larry explained that the committee started in 2009 to honor the veterans of the Army Reserves 104th Division when they left the Vancouver Barracks. The committee now coordinates Memorial Day and Veterans Day

celebrations along with POW-MIA services, a Patriot Day parade, Nez Perce Tribe events and recognition ceremonies for high school students who are entering the military. The Memorial Day event will be held on May 30th at 1100 hours. CMAC expects over 1,000 people to attend this year's celebration where three local veterans killed in the line of duty will be honored. Larry also explained that 30 organizations participate in the committee that meets every-other Friday.

Committee Proposals

Strategic Plan: Ray Saranto asked for input on the proposed changes to the Strategic Plan. There was no discussion; Steve Stetson made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Lou Baste and approved.

Committee Reports

Appeals: Ray Saranto explained that there were three appeals in April. All were denied.

Policies and Procedures: Bob Nichols informed the committee that the Clark County Commissioners approved the revisions to the Policies and Procedures on April 19th.

Case Management Report: Samantha Whitley distributed several reports for March. CRMHS served 119 veterans for a total of \$31,204.90. She also distributed the denial and case management reports. Sam explained that CRMHS is now using the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) which is an integrated system for all homeless program providers to enter client characteristics of consumers. One benefit of the software is that providers can see what other services consumers have been utilizing.

Sam also handed out the Free Clinic report regarding dental services. They assisted seven veterans for a total of \$4,118 worth of services, but only charged \$1,196 to the VAF. The Free Clinic also included a narrative report for the committee. Roy Billings recommended that all posts mention this service in their newsletters to help more veterans in need of dental assistance.

The Veterans Assistance Center submitted their first report. The report only included volunteer time since the center did not open until April 1st. The VAC will include more information on their next report. Bob reminded everyone that the grand opening of the VAC will be held on May 1st. There will be elected officials in attendance, a ribbon cutting ceremony and tours of the facility. He also informed the VRC that the DAV service officers were moving into the VAC.

Sam then discussed the Revenue and Expense Report which includes CRMHS invoices for January and February. She also distributed a memo sent by Bryce to help explain the length of time between receiving CRMHS' invoice and when they get posted to the report.

Old Business: No Old Business was discussed.

New Business: Ray Saranto requested the VRC to approve paying for the rent for Post 12028. The total for the year is \$300. Steve Stetson motioned to approve the payment, seconded by Greg Whitson and approved.

Memorial Day Events:

- Post 4278 hosting a ceremony the Washington Cemetery at 1100 hours
- Posts 168 and 12028 hosting a ceremony at the Territorial Grounds at 1100 hours
- Post 176 hosting a breakfast at 0600 hours and a ceremony at 0700 hours

Pat Stryker asked about honor guards for funerals. There are several posts that will provide the service for free. The Patriot Guard will also provide the service with a flag line for a fee.

Open Forum:

Ron Brandon reminded the committee that the VAC needs more volunteers.

Samantha Whitley distributed an updated version of the work plan. She mentioned that the board training was moved to July.

Sam also mentioned that the VAF Annual Report was complete. Copies were made available.

Meeting adjourned at 1454 hours.

Next meeting: May 25, 2011 at 1400 hours.