

**Clark County Veteran's Resource Committee**  
**40 et 8 Chateau**  
**7607 NE 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue**  
**Vancouver, Washington**  
**January 14, 2009**

**Chair: Peggy Sheehan**  
**Secretary: Robert Nichols**

**Vice Chair: Michael Gibson**  
**Contract Service Officer: Carla Jo Whitson**

**Meeting Called to order by Peggy Sheehan @ 14:03**

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

James Albertson	VFW #1927	Primary
<b>Bill Allman</b>	<b>DSHS Veteran's Project</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Bill Bailey</b>	<b>American Legion 14</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>Lou Basté</b>	<b>Marine Corps League</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Don Cannady	American Legion 189	Alternate
<b>John Clapp</b>	<b>40 et 8</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
<b>Gary Dowler</b>	<b>VFW Post 4278</b>	<b>Primary</b>
Frank Gallaher	VFW 12011	Primary
<b>Michael D. Gibson</b>	<b>American Legion 176</b>	<b>Primary</b>
Robert Hitchcok	VFW 4278	Alternate
Jack Jones	American Legion 122	Alternate
Jerry Keen	VVA 512	Alternate
<b>Bruce Maas</b>	<b>DAV Chapter 4</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Robert Nichols</b>	<b>American Legion 168</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Richard Puttkamer</b>	<b>American Legion 122</b>	<b>Primary</b>
Bill Romine	American Legion 168	Alternate
Frank Samaya	DAV Chapter 4	Alternate
<b>Ray Saranto</b>	<b>VFW 12028</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Peggy Sheehan</b>	<b>American Legion 14</b>	<b>Primary</b>
Daniel Tarbell	40 et 8	Primary
Bill Weglage	VFW Post 7824	Primary
<b>Greg Whitson</b>	<b>VVA 512</b>	<b>Primary</b>
<b>Mark Woods</b>	<b>VFW 12028</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Phillip Yasson	American Legion 176	Alternate
<b>Carla Whitson</b>	<b>American Legion</b>	<b>Service Officer</b>

**CLARK COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Pete Munroe, Samantha Whitley, Rebecca Royce**

**GUESTS**

**Tom Dombek Post 176**

**Meeting Minutes:** There was a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2008 meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

**Service Officers Report:** Carla Jo handed out December's report. They spent \$3,415.05. She also included a packet to include the changes that have been made for the last year. It includes the calculation pages to verify the veteran is qualified to receive assistance. Carla also requested that the check sheets in the packet be put up at the posts so veterans know what documentation they need to bring when applying for benefits. There was a request to have the documents emailed to the members with Carla Jo's contact information. She also requested the board consider adding first month's rental assistance to the services provided. Pete clarified the charges for bus passes; the fund is paying for several passes up front and then is reimbursed for any not used.

**Share Caseworker's Report:** Pete Munroe reviewed Share's November report that had been sent to board members. Eighteen veterans received subsidies during that time period with four veterans exiting the program at the end of October. Pete also mentioned that there are graduate updates in the back of the report. Peggy reminded the members that Share is not adding any new clients.

### **Committee Reports**

**Nominations:** Jerry Bloss has resigned from the committee. Peggy asked the members to consider taking on the position. She asked for any nominations.

**Appeals:** Ray Saranto will remain on this committee.

**Rules & Veterans Services ad hoc:** Both these committees are currently vacant and will remain so for the time being.

**Old Business:** Bob Nichols wanted to verify that the ASPIRE program will not add any additional clients after the existing clients graduate.

**New Business:** Peggy discussed hiring a consultant to collaborate all the members' goals and objectives for the use of the funds. There was a small meeting held last week to discuss options. Peggy handed out a worksheet she would like all members and posts to fill out and email her to give to the consultant. The consultant will put together the ideas and present them at the next meeting. This will take approximately three hours at the February meeting. The costs of the consultant will come from the Veterans fund. It was requested that Peggy put an invitation together and send it to each of the posts and the district commanders.

Peggy discussed having different programs pertaining to veterans and reports from each of the posts at each meeting. She will be looking into the By-Laws and wants to make sure each member has a binder that includes the By-Laws, Policies and Procedures and other information about the committee.

Bill Allman introduced himself and discussed his position with the Dept of Social and Health Services. He distributed a flyer describing his program. He works with veterans that are on Medicaid and helps transfer them over to the VA to get the assistance that they are entitled to. Bill also described a proposed bill, HB1070, which has lottery scratch tickets where a portion of the proceeds go to veterans and their families through each county's advisory committees.

**Good of the Order:** None.

**Meeting adjourned at 14:50.**

**Next meeting: February 11, 2009 at 14:00.**