

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)
Relief and Business Meetings
Meeting Minutes December 1 2023

Business Meeting

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room meeting room by Chairwoman Tracy Blamer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tracy Blamer, Paul Dees Jr., Bob Cramblit, Ed Dodds

Members Absent: Kim Tate excused, Gina Mean un-excused.

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by ED

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice vote, 4 Yes 0 No

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes TB

Motion 2nd by BC

Voice Vote 4 Yes, 0 No

Motion approved

Correspondence: None

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The Veterans Day 5K was very successful. The number of runners tripled from the first 5K.

The office has ordered 50 Patriotic throws to be added to the Christmas boxes.

IOT evaluate public outreach spending the office has quotes for items to be purchased.

The office is still looking for veterans to receive Christmas boxes.

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The year to date back pay for veterans through the office is over \$625,000. The office has also been able to increase total compensation for Oceana County veterans over \$992,000 YTD.

The office will be operating on limited hours during the December Holiday season.

Community Relations

25 families received Thanksgiving boxes from the Oceana Eagles.

Veterans Day, the VSO presented Gold Star during the Veterans Day assembly.

Strategic Planning

No report

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

No report

Old Business

The OA has the final revenue report for the 5K. The committee also discussed lessons learned.

Comfort kits will be limited to a pallet for men and one for women.

New Business

End of the year report is starting to be put together. TB will be presenting this to the county commissioners during the January meeting.

Committee responsibilities will be shifting as the committee moves from being a 503C3 to a county committee.

The 2024 meeting calendar. Dates were discussed for possible adjustment due to holidays etc. For CY 2024 the meetings will be held on the first Thursday at 1:30 PM.

An end of the year Christmas party was discussed. December 21 at Oh Brothers at 5:30 was chosen.

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RELIEF MEETING


There were no claims this month.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:36 by TB.


The next general meeting will be held on January 4th 2024, in the County Annex Conference Room.

1:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

2:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting

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Tracy Blamer Chairperson

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Paul Dees Jr Secretary