Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA) Relief and Business Meetings Meeting Minutes August 1, 2024

Business Meeting

The Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs Business Meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. in the Oceana County Annex Room meeting room by Chairperson Tracy Blamer.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Tracy Blamer, Paul Dees Jr, Ben Kaat, Ed Dodds, Kim Tate, Bob Cramblit

Members Absent: Sam Stitt Excused

Guest Present: None

Public Comments:

Approval of Agenda ED

Motion to approve agenda by BK

Motion 2nd by PD

Voice vote, 6 Yes 0 No Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes PD Motion 2nd by ED

Voice Vote Yes 6, No 0 Motion approved

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

FY25 grant documents have been submitted and approved for \$67,562. These funds will go to payroll.

Proposal sent for part time VSO position. The county board of commissioners will be presented with this at the August 8th meeting.

Cheryl from Vietnam Veterans of America has been coming to the office on Tuesdays to help with claims.

The VSO received the desk that was ordered.

New budget lines are indigent veteran line \$4922.72. The non-indigent line is \$1687.59.

The Oceana County Fair is this month. The VSO will have a both at the event.

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Strategic Planning

There will be a meeting at the end of the month to discuss the Veterans Day 5K and parade.

TB would like for all of the committee members to bring at least 5 entries into the 5K.

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

The no weapon sign on the door to the office is being removed.

No update on the new building for the VSO.

Old Business

The Aug 6th vote for the millage.

New Business

The VSO was approached by Dave R, who is a veteran and member of the Oceana County Amateur Radio Service Club. The club would like to assist the committee with the Veterans Day 5K.

National Night Out is Aug 6th Oceana County Sheriff's department.

Gina Mead reached out to the committee looking for support of the woman's veteran retreat.

RELIEF MEETING

No claims for this meeting.

The next general meeting will be held on September 12, 2024, in the County Annex Conference Room.

1:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

2:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting

Tracy Blamer Chairperson

Paul Dees Jr Secretary