

Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA)  
Relief and Business Meetings  
Meeting Minutes October 31, 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, Sam Stitt

Members Absent: Bob Cramblit Excused

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda PD

Motion to approve agenda by

Voice vote, 6 Yes 0 No

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by ED

Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes KT

Voice Vote Yes 6, No 0

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by BK

Motion approved

**VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report**

Looking for veterans to receive Thanksgiving baskets. The VSO has requested 30 for this year. There are currently 12 reserved. Hanson will have \$20 voucher for meat.

A request has been submitted for Lower Tier paper products, personal consumables to stock the pantry. Middle tier for frozen products in support of the pantry as well as high tier fridge for dairy and other cooler items.

Training for Sam continues well. He should be able to start filing claims through the American Legion.

New legislation has been passed to provide Disabled Veteran license plates for veterans with a 50% or higher rating.

There have been a few food vouchers provided to county veterans along with a firewood voucher.

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**Strategic Planning**

A meeting occurred with city officials from Hart to discuss the Veterans Day parade.

TB will be sending an email out to everyone involved in the parade on Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. The Echo will be running an article on the 5K along with the parade.

**County Commissioners Veterans Liaison**

TB informed the committee that the county commissioners have approved the 2025 budget.

**Old Business**

Parade registrations were discussed.

Assignments were discussed for the Veterans Day 5K.

2024 End of year reports are due to Tracy.

**New Business**

2025 meeting calendar was provided to committee members.

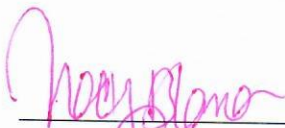
**RELIEF MEETING**

No claims for this meeting.

The next general meeting will be held on December 5, 2024, in the County Annex Conference Room.

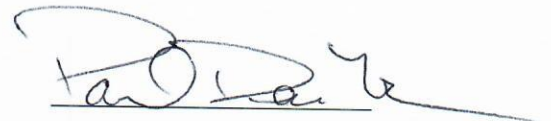
1:30 AM Veterans Affairs Business Meeting

2:30 PM Veterans Affairs Relief Meeting



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Tracy Blamer Chairperson



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Paul Dees Jr Secretary