Oceana County Department of Veterans Affairs (OCDVA) Relief and Business Meetings Meeting Minutes December 18, 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, Bob Cramblit

Members Absent: None

Guest Present: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Agenda PD

Motion to approve agenda by

Motion 2nd by ED

Voice vote, 7 Yes 0 No Motion approved

Motion to approve last meeting minutes BC

Motion 2nd by ED

Voice Vote Yes 7, No 0 Motion approved

VSO (Veterans Support Officer) Report

The VSO will be posting that there is a vacant committee member spot.

The VSO will be hosting a coffee and donuts for veterans on January 27th. This will be held in the county annex building from 9-11 AM.

The VSO's and AA attended MVTF training virtually. Sam has completed online training for the app.

The current indigent veteran line is at \$125.71. The non-indigent line sits at \$757.35.

30 Thanksgiving baskets were handed out last month.

The VSO spoke at Shelby Middle School on Veterans day.

The Veteran Day 5K and parade went very well.

50 veterans received Christmas boxes. DAR Michigan Dunes chapter donated for these.

A donation was received from Warriors Oath for freezer items as well as gift cards.

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The office participated in wreath laying for veteran grave sites.

Hesperia American Legion donated considerably to four veteran families.

Strategic Planning

County Commissioners Veterans Liaison

Tim provided the committee with an update on construction for what will be the new county building.

Old Business

TB needs end of year reports from members. This will be consolidated and provided to the county commissioners.

The 2025 calendar has been finalized. Once the years events are added it will be published.

New Business

Elections for committee members positions will be held in January.

Veteran sensitivity training and partnerships with local employers in 2025.

RELIEF MEETING

No claims for this meeting.

The next general meeting will be held on January 9, 2025, 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