



BREMER COUNTY COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS

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Commissioner's Meeting Minutes August 8, 2017

The Bremer County Commission on Veterans Affairs met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2017, at 3:00 pm in the Annex Board Room. Present: Commissioner Brent Steere, Chairperson; Commissioner Sara Stephens; Commissioner Lyman Campbell; Director Neal Jarnagin; and Clerk Jean Sable.

July minutes were reviewed and approved. July financial report was reviewed and approved.

August *What Every Veteran Should Know* was distributed.

Reviewed July Office Contact & Van Reports

Requested feedback from Commissioners on veteran needs in their communities. Commissioner Steere reported that he had received contact by the granddaughter of a World War I veteran who would like to order a VA grave marker.

Director reported on many meeting, outreach and training events attended during the month of July.

Introduced the new Bremer County Veterans Affairs Clerk, Melinda Voy to the entirety of the Commission.

Informed the Commission that there was a new Chickasaw County Veterans Affairs Director, Lindsay Zenner.

Discussed the new program with military exchanges and availability for veterans to utilize the service.

Bremer County Veterans Affairs has received the State of Iowa Allocation which was reduced from \$10,000 to \$9,575. We are expecting a significant increase for the next fiscal year.

Clerk performance evaluation is due and will be discussed at the August meeting

The HIPAA documentation was discussed and there are no further questions to bring to the HIPAA Privacy Officer.

Donation letters to county Veteran Service Organizations have been sent. The City of Tripoli letters were initially sent to the Veteran Service Organizations but, due to no response from them since we began the van program, we intend to also send a letter to Tripoli City Council.

We are still tracking Vietnam Veteran gifts and scheduling appointments for several veterans that have never been into the office.

Reported multiple upcoming events that are taking place.

The next regular meeting will be September 12, 2017, at 3:00 pm in the Annex Conference Room.

Respectfully Submitted,
Neal W. Jarnagin, Director