## GREEN LAKE COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION JANUARY 6, 2014

The following are the open minutes of the Quarterly Meeting of the Green Lake County Veterans Service Commission held in the Veterans Service Office at the Government Center, Green Lake, WI, at 10:30 A.M. on January 6, 2014.

Members present: Victor Shrock, Robert Burdick, and Gerald Beuthin, Secretary. Excused: Tony Soda. Also present County Board Chairman Jack Meyers.

<u>Certification of Open Meeting Law:</u> The requirements of the Open Meeting Law have been met.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 A.M. by Chairman Shrock.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

<u>Approval of Agenda:</u> After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the agenda. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Action on Minutes:</u> After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2013 meeting. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Appearances & Correspondence:</u> Beuthin presented the Korean War book that was received from the Department of Military Affairs. Beuthin explained how the copies that were received were distributed to all the County libraries and Veteran Service organizations.

<u>Old Business:</u> Shrock reported that Bob Burdick has been appointed to the Veterans Service Commission for a three year term.

Beuthin reported that the Service Commission budget has been approved as submitted. Budget was same as approved for the previous year.

<u>New Business:</u> Beuthin reported that Robin Colhouer will begin to send out letters to the schools shortly regarding Student Government Day. Beuthin reported that he had already talked to Dick Severson, County Legion Commander, about this program. Discussion followed about possible speakers for the event.

Beuthin reported that the WDVA CVSO Grant application should be coming shortly. The Grant is normally due on May 15.

Service Office Report: Beuthin reported that for 2013 contacts were down 5.7%, mail was up 3.9% and VA hospital trips are down 12% as compared to 2012.

Beuthin reported that the new mileage reimbursement rate for 2014 will be \$0.56 per mile, effective January 1.

Beuthin reported that the Transportation Fee increase for veterans not receiving VA Travel Pay was approved by the H&HS Transportation Committee and the H&HS Board and will take effect January 1.

Beuthin reported that the WDVA Transportation Grant should be received shortly.

Beuthin reported that there were 17 veteran's deaths in the County since the last meeting. The total deaths for the year were 66.

<u>Financial Report:</u> After discussion, Burdick made a motion to approve the Financial Report as submitted. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

<u>Future Meeting Date:</u> The date for the next meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2014, at 10:30 A.M.

Closed Session per Wis Stats 19.85(1)(c): None

<u>Adjournment:</u> The meeting adjourned at 11:20 A.M. on a motion by Burdick. Second by Shrock. All ayes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:

Gerald R. Beuthin

Secretary, Veterans Service Commission