



**Otsego**  
**COUNTY**  
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**Otsego County Veteran's Affairs**  
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## **NOTICE OF SCHEDULED MEETING**

**The Otsego County Veteran's Affairs will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016 beginning at 2:00 p.m., in room 212 of the County Building 225 West Main Street, Gaylord MI 49735.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Additions/Deletions to Agenda
4. Regular Minutes – August 18, 2016
5. Applications for Appointment to Committee
6. Reports
  - A. Counselor Updates
  - B. Activity Report
  - C. Financial - Reports
    1. Veteran's Affairs
    2. Burial Report
    3. Soldiers Relief
7. Additional/Other Business
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment

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August 18, 2016

A meeting of the Otsego County Veterans Affairs was held in room 212 of the County Building. Chairman, William Ahrenberg called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:               Members – William Ahrenberg, Charles Berlin, Paul Cafuk, John Facchinetti, Julie Powers-Gehman  
EXCUSED:             All Present  
OTHERS:               Marlene Hopp

Chairman, William Ahrenberg welcomed members.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by William Ahrenberg.

Additions to agenda: None

MOTION: by Julie Powers-Gehman, approve the Veteran Affairs minutes of May 19, 2016, as presented.  
Ayes: Unanimous   Nays: None   Motion Carried

Counselor Updates:

- Michigan Association County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) fall conference will be held September 22-23.
- Assistant, Arthur Bates will be vacating position again soon, as being seasonal.
- Counselor reported to the Board of Commissioners July 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Budgets for 2017 submitted to County Finance Director July 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Met with Veteran at Patriot Place for VA related benefits on August 16th.
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) will be present at a Continuum of Care meeting to present their strategic plan of assisting homeless Veterans.
- Veterans Administration pension and compensation claims are taking up to a year again for a decision to the Veterans.

Month end reports of Veterans Affairs, burial, Soldiers relief and transportation financial reports were reviewed.

Additional Business: None

Public comment: John Facchinetti reported that VFW Post 1518 will be having their picnic at the Elks on Saturday, August 20, 2016 1 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Board remarks: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Minutes written by, Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor

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William Ahrenberg, Chairman  
Otsego County Veterans Affairs