

August 16, 2012

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

PRESENT: Members – William Ahrenberg, Clark Bates, Paul Cafuk
EXCUSED: Chuck Berlin, Don Peterson
OTHERS: Marlene Hopp

Additions to agenda: None

MOTION: by Cafuk to accept minutes of July 19, 2012 as presented.
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Two Soldier relief applications were reviewed.

MOTION: by Cafuk to assist Veteran #08-2012 \$230.09 three months Auto-Owners Insurance and \$157.60 Home-Owners renters insurance.
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

MOTION: by Ahrenberg to assist Veteran #09-2012 toward delinquent bills.
Ayes: None Nays: Three (Ahrenberg, Bates, Cafuk) Motion Defeated

Counselor Updates:

Hopp attended and reported:

- July 29, 2012 The Fallen Heroes Memorial Foundation re-dedication
- August 10, 2012 Forgotten Eagles fund raising ride for the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and Veterans
- August 16, 2012 Northern Lower Peninsula Inter Service Family Assistance Committee met at Camp Grayling for our participation in the road to reintegration support to Soldiers and their families.

Up-Coming events that Counselor scheduled to attend:

- August 17, 2012 broadcasting live at 101.5 Eagle radio with Kathleen Arndt, Program Manager of Patriot Place regarding Veterans benefits and 9/22/12 Military Expo event.
- August 23, 2012 meeting with Dentist, Edward Duski room 212 regarding dental care to homeless Veterans.
- August 23, 2012 Landlord meeting at United Way 7:00 pm
- September 11, 2012 Service Officer Luncheon with Congressman Dan Benishek and David Leonard, Director of the VA Detroit Regional Office.
- September 20-21 MACVC conference at Treetops. At least three Commissioners and VA board welcome to attend banquet; respond by August 17.
- September 22, 2012 Military Expo at Otsego County Fair Grounds

Proposed 2013 Veterans Affairs, burial and Soldier/Sailor relief budgets submitted to Finance August 16, 2012.

VFW Post 1518 selling brick pavers for Veterans Memorial Paver Project located at Otsego County Veterans Memorial. Dedication ceremony scheduled November 11, 2013.

MOTION: by Cafuk to pay \$40 Northern Michigan Partnership for Veterans membership fee to Seniors Helping Senior –NMPV.

Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

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

Additional Business: None

Public comment: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 p.m.

Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor