



**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, November 17, 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 – October 20, 2016
5. Reappointment Veterans' Affairs Member – William E. Ahrenberg
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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October 20, 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 2:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Members – William Ahrenberg, Charles Berlin, Paul Cafuk, 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 Charles L. Berlin, approve the Veteran Affairs minutes of August 18, 2016, as presented.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion Carried

Three applications for appointment to the Veterans Affairs board were reviewed.  
MOTION: by Charles L. Berlin, appoint Steven Rollins as Veterans Affairs member, to expire 12/31/2020.  
Ayes: Unanimous Nays: None Motion

Counselor Updates:

- Counselor reported updates of the Michigan Association County Veterans Counselors (MACVC) fall conference held September 22-23.
- Reviewed 9/20/2016 revision of Public Act 199, definition of a veteran.
- Reviewed soldier and sailor relief statue.
- Reviewed Michigan Veteran Affairs Agency grant application.
- Counselor met with three veterans at Patriot Place on 10/18/2016.
- Counselor attended the DHHS and the Otsego Human Services Network meetings held 10/19/2016.
- The Refuge for the homeless will have a new location near Trinity Church on 27 South Otsego Avenue. It is currently being renovated.

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

Additional Business: None

Public comment:

Paul Cafuk reported that VA has extended undiagnosed illnesses for gulf war veterans 5 years until 21/31/2021.

Board remarks: None

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes written by, Marlene K. Hopp, Veterans Counselor

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William Ahrenberg, Chairman  
Otsego County Veterans Affairs