

VAB Agenda – April 11, 2024

- I. Call to Order, Pledge, Invocation, Roll Call**
- II. Approval of March 14, 2024 minutes (action)**
- III. Committee Reports (info and action)**
- IV. CCVAC Presentation (info)**
- V. February 2024 Contractor and Fund Reports (info)**
- VI. Old Business (info)**
- VII. New Business (info)**
- VIII. Open Forum (info)**
- IX. Adjourn**



Agenda Item I. Call to Order/Pledge/Invocation/Roll Call



Agenda Item II. Approval of March 14th minutes

Clark County Veterans Advisory Board Meeting Minutes An advisory board to the Clark County Council March 14, 2024

Chair: Michael Harding Vice Chair: Bob Nichols Secretary: Bruce Maas

Meeting called to order.

Roll Call: [Bold script indicates presence at meeting; italics indicates excused]

| POST | PRIMARY | ALTERNATE |
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| 40 et 8 | <i>Bob Brennan</i> | Steve Slegers |
| American Legion #14 | <i>Gene Couture</i> | |
| American Legion #44 | Darren Wertz | Charles Ingalls |
| American Legion #168 | <i>Bob Nichols</i> | |
| American Legion #176 | Thomas Phillips | Michael Gibson |
| American Veterans #6 | John Lovejoy | Vanise Pratt |
| Camas Post 27 | <i>Wes Forgey</i> | Shawn O'Neil |
| DAV Chapter #4 | Bruce Maas | Tom Cousino |
| Korean War Assoc. #321 | <i>Earl Edwards</i> | Dixie Hotaling |
| Marine Corps League #826 | Steve Slegers | |
| VFV #4278 | Shannon Roberts | <i>Dana Difford</i> |
| VFV #7824 | Michael Harding | |
| Vietnam Vets #512 | Greg Whitson | Nick Herber |
| Members at Large | Kelly Jones | |
| | Bryan McGillis | |
| | Tonya Wark | |
| | Tamara Elam | |
| | Megan Anderson | |
| | Eli Gonzalez | |
| | Michael Langsdorf | |
| | Lloyd Bowman | |
| | Ron Brandon | |

Clark County Representative: Abby Molloy

Guests: CVTV23, Janet Snook (Clark County); Judy Russel (Clark County Veterans Assistance Center); Tony Sprague, Emma (VA representative for Congresswoman Glusenkamp-Perez); Larry Smith (CMAC)

Approval of February 8, 2024, meeting minutes

The minutes were approved following a motion by Kelly Jones that was seconded by Thomas Phillips.

Committee Reports

Appeals: None

Policies and Procedures: Consider adding to policies to cover Homeless Veterans Support Fund (HVSF), to state only homeless veterans may be assisted with HVSF. Homeless includes no rent or lease, and veteran may be couch-surfing. Allowable fees detailed. Assistance is available for twelve months and limited to twice in a lifetime. A change to the lifetime allowance is requested and will be discussed further.

Nominations: Michael Harding to resign following the meeting in April. Bob Nichols will become Chair. Nominations are being taken for replacement Vice Chair. Contact Bruce Maas.

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CMAC presentation (Larry Smith)

CMAC began in 2010 to recognize all veterans for their service. It was started as a free community organization to fill a void for doing ceremonies to show appreciation for military. Events are for community, not veterans. Events include: Welcome Home, Our Community Salutes; Memorial Day, Heroes Night, Independence Day, Patriots Day, POW/MIA recognition day, Veterans Day, and recognizing Gold Stars.

2023 year-end and January 2024, Contractor & Fund reports

In 2023, revenues were \$927,863 and expenditures were \$944,033, for a net fund decrease of \$16,170. The fund balance at the end of the year was \$568,897. The fund assisted 49 Veteran households. The Veterans Assistance Center received 527 veteran visits. The Free Clinic billed \$707 for 0 veterans. The Fund balance was \$571,065.

Veterans Assistance Center (VAC) Update

- Case manager needed. Mental Health Sales Tax funds may be available.
- Continuing to look for additional space.
- Red, white, and blue gala at ilani on July 16. Tickets are \$150.

Old Business

- Camp Bonneville may not be used for a veteran cemetery or housing, based on the property covenant. Additional research is being conducted.
- Two organizations are not in good standing based on attendance. They will receive a letter to attend the next meeting or be dropped from the roles. Posts are: Camas Post 27 and Korean War Veterans 321.

New Business

- Ron Brandon confirmation as member at large to be considered at next meeting.
- Member binders: copies emailed and available in the meeting.
- Legislative update: WDVA sent a list of bills of interest to the Board. Once passed, updates will be sent.

Open Forum

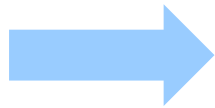
- Virtual attendance option appreciated.
- Kiggins Safe Stay housed first veteran.
- Service officer requests outside of the Veterans Center are now voicemail based.

Adjourn

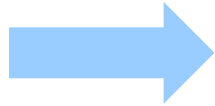
Meeting adjourned. Next meeting April 11, 2024



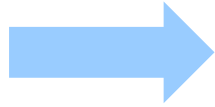
Agenda Item III. Committee Reports



Appeals – Gene Couture



Policies and Procedures – Kelly Jones



Nominations – Bruce Maas



Clark County Veterans Assistance Center Presentation

Judy Russell



Agenda Item V. February 2024 Contractor Reports

- **CCVAC**

- 65 Veterans served in January, services totaling \$18,649
- 53 men, 7 women, and 5 other Veterans served (including 1 non-binary veteran, 2 widows, and 2 dependents)
- 11 denials, 0 subject to appeal
- 608 visits to the center for essentials and food, 799 meals served
- 760 volunteer hours, totaling \$18,752 in value

- **Free Clinic**

- 0 veterans served in January. Services totaled \$0 in value. Billed \$717.

- **Fund**

- February revenue: \$44,096; expenditures: \$59,965; fund balance: \$555,727



Agenda Items VI. – IX.

- **Old Business**

- Camp Bonneville update

- **New Business**

- July Meeting

- **Open Forum**

- **Adjourn**

Next meeting: May 9, 2024

