

MINUTES

Special Teleconference Meeting of the
MISSOURI VETERANS COMMISSION
Held, pursuant to notice
Thursday, March 8, 2012 — 12:00 PM
The designated location where the public may
observe and attend the meeting
Missouri Veterans Commission Headquarters
12th Floor, Jefferson State Office Building
Jefferson City, Missouri

I. NEW COMMISSION BUSINESS:

Members Present: **Member Scott Englund**

Via Telephone: **Chair John Comerford; Vice Chair Emmett Fairfax; Member Paul Connors; Member Victor Callahan; Member David Pearce; Member Barney Fisher; Member Jason Kander**

Members Absent: **Member Nancy Nelson; Ex-Officio Member Jeff Bloemker**

Staff Present: **Larry Kay**, Executive Director; **Jill Talken**, Executive Secretary; **Julie Miller**, Fiscal and Administrative Manager; **Daniel Bell**, Public Information Office

Via Telephone: **Tim Norton**, Director Facility Operations

Guests Present: **Frank Prosser**, MAVO

Via Telephone: **Lynn Dorrell**, MAVO; **Richard Heigert**, MAVO

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Comerford at 12:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing MVC 2013 Capitol Improvement Appropriation.

Director Kay discussed the following:

- Current situation (\$1 entry fee scenario versus HB 1731)
 1. Missouri Veterans Needs Study (current and future)
 2. \$5.5 M Capital Improvement Appropriation request for initial proposal for new Veterans Home

Members of the Commission recommended the use of internal staff and volunteers to update the 2006 Rose Study, determine what actually needs to be outsourced by the Commission and get costs. An update will be provided at the May 2012 Quarterly Commission Meeting.

The Commission discussed the Governor's recommended \$5.5 M Capital Improvement Appropriation for the purpose of construction of a new Veterans Home. The Commissioners expressed the view that the Commission is not prepared to construct a new Veterans Home this year. It was decided that Larry Kay and Julie Miller would continue to work closely with the Office of Administration Budget and Planning. They will model revenue scenarios in light of the Governor's request and keep the Commission apprised of the possibilities.

With no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.



Larry D. Kay, Secretary