MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
August 9, 2016 — 10:00 AM
Missouri State Veterans Home – Cape Girardeau
2400 Veterans Memorial Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

In attendance: Chairman Scott Englund; Member Mike Mowrer; Member Bill Wallace; Member Chuck Wooten; Member Representative Steven Lynch

Via Phone: Member Nancy Nelson; Member Senator Dan Brown; Member Senator Scott Sifton; Ex-Officio Member Michael Dunbar

Absent: Member Representative Rochelle Walton Gray

Welcome new member Representative Steven Lynch

Guests and staff present:

1. Guests: Bill Kiefer, Robert & Geraldine Osborn, Julie Rose, Carolyn Doty, David McArthur, Aaron Bean, Jerry Winter, Randy Whitehead, Richard Heigert, Tom Mundell, Carrie Hudson, Olin Parks, Barbara Simpson, Arvid & Barbara West, Dewey & Virginia Riehn, Nancy Prince, Debbie Sharp, Robert Crecelius, David Kollore, Lowry Finley-Jackson, Gary Plunk, Debbie Griffin, Carmen Gamble, Paul Rollins, Bill Matthews
2. Staff: Bryan Hunt, Acting Executive Director; Jill Talken, Executive Secretary; Kevin Hall, General Counsel; Daniel Bell, Public Information; Kim Packard, Director Homes Program; Stan Baughn, Director Cemetery Program; Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations; Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative Manager; Becky Wolken, Administrative Assistant; Terry McAdams, Director Human Resources; Patty Faenger, Assistant Director Homes Program; Kevin Colyott, Workforce Education & Development; Vivian Markle, Administrator; Mindi Pruitt, Assistant Administrator

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Commission Meeting Minutes May 2, 2016

Member Mowrer made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Wooten seconded the motion. By a voice vote the minutes were passed unanimously as written.

B. Commission Meeting CLOSED Minutes May 2, 2016

Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Brown seconded the motion. By a voice vote the minutes were passed unanimously as written.

C. Commission Meeting CLOSED Minutes July 25, 2016
Member Mowrer made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Wooten seconded the motion, By a voice the minutes were passed unanimously as written.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The Executive Director's Report was delivered by Bryan Hunt, Acting Executive Director.

A. 2017 Game Plan
B. Budget Update – Inflationary Increases FY 2018:
   1. Food $90,839 Home Fund
   2. Medical $53,325 Home Fund
   3. Residents Care $113,191 Home Fund
   4. VSO Salaries $396,000 (remainder of $600,000) VCCITF
   5. PS and E&E $665,497 Fund Switch from Home Fund to VCCITF

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Homes Program- Kim Packard
Cemetery Program- Stan Baughn
Grants Program- Bryan Hunt
Veterans Services Program- Bryan Hunt
Incarcerated Veterans
Minority Veterans
Women Veterans
Outreach

V. STAFF REPORTS

Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations reported on construction projects.

Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative Manager reported on MVC Operating Appropriations by Fund.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update was delivered by Members Senator Brown, Senator Sifton, and Representative Lynch.

Veto Session September 14, 2016

VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Salary Adjustment Proposals –Discussions were previously held reference VSO salaries. Acting Director Hunt advised that we are working with HR and OA in changing classifications and pay range. VSO salary increases will not be used from the Grants Funding.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Carmen Gamble, Veteran Relationship Manager, U. S. Department of Veterans Affairs
   1. 57 Veteran Relationship Managers across the state.
   2. Provide the business community with consultative services to implement realizable improvements to facilitate the Veteran's access to their health benefits and services.

B. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Tom Mundell, Chairman informed the Commissioners the leaders of MAVO (American Legion, DAV, VFW) have a letter of full support for the return of Executive Director Larry to report back to duties effective immediately. Mr. Mundell thanked the Commission for all they do for Veterans. Dewey Riehn, VFW Legislative Chair reported to the Commissioners MAVO 2017 legislative initiatives:
   1. Support MVC Budget
   2. Support Bonding Bill for new Veterans Home
   3. Gold Star License Plate – bill revision to exempt $15 fee

   Veterans Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the State Capitol.

C. Missouri Military Preparedness Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) – Michael Dunbar, Chairman announced that Joe Driskill has accepted the position of the new Military Advocate. "Military Awareness Day" will be held in January 2017.

E. David McArthur, Chairman Arnold Veterans Commission. The Arnold Veterans Commission has been in existence for four years and is very active in the community.

IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Member Wooten made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. Member Wallace seconded the motion. The meeting was closed.

X. VOTE TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION

Member Wooten made a motion to go into open session. Member Nelson seconded the motion. The closed meeting was adjourned.

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, October 31, 2016 in Jefferson City.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Bryan Hunt, Acting Secretary