

# MINUTES

**Quarterly Meeting of the  
Missouri Veterans Commission  
Held, pursuant to notice  
October 31, 2016 — 10:00 AM  
205 Jefferson Street, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor State Board of Education Room,  
Jefferson City, Missouri**

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call  
In attendance: Chairman Scott Englund; Member Nancy Nelson; Member Bill Wallace; Member Chuck Wooten; Member Representative Steven Lynch; Member Senator Scott Sifton  
Via Phone: Member Representative Rochelle Walton Gray; Member Senator Dan Brown  
Absent: Member Mike Mowrer; Ex-Officio Member Michael Dunbar

Guests and staff present:

- 1. Guests: David Kollore, Debbie Sharp, Robert Crecelius, William Patterson, David Isaacks, Stephen Gaither, Robert Osborn, Jim Thorpe, Keith Repko, Richard Heigert, Tom Mundell, George Newell, Mike Haffner
- 2. Staff: Larry Kay, Executive Director; Bryan Hunt, Deputy 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; Kevin Onstott, Capital Improvement Specialist

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes August 9, 2016  
Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Nelson seconded the motion. By a voice vote the minutes were passed unanimously as written.
- B. Commission Meeting CLOSED Minutes August 9, 2016  
Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Wallace seconded the motion. By a voice vote the minutes were passed unanimously as written.

### **III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

The Executive Director's Report was delivered by Larry Kay, Executive Director.

- A. Attended the VA Heartland Network (VISN 15) FY17 Fall Strategic Planning Meeting on October 25, 2016 in Kansas City, MO
- B. Distribution Annual Report Fiscal Year July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
- C. Calendar
- D. American Legion National Commander Charles Schmidt visit to Missouri October 28-November 2, 2016
- E. Representative Patricia Pike, District 126 has invited the Commission to look at property in Nevada, MO for potential Veteran Center
- F. 2016 Bob Harvey Award was presented to Joseph Frank

### **IV. PROGRAM REPORTS**

Program reports were delivered by Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director

### **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, Representative Lynch and Representative Walton Gray.

Senate Interim Committee on Long-Term Care Facilities – Report was given by Member Senator Brown and Director Kay.

- Public Hearings held September 15 (2), 28 and October 26, 2016. The Committee is preparing a final report with recommendations that will be presented to the Senate Pro Tem. The Commission has been tasked with the following:
  1. Meet with Appropriations Staff reference funding for building a new Home;
  2. Contact the Federal Department of Veterans Affairs reference MO Veteran Population/VA approved beds;
  3. Contact VISN 15 reference VA contract nursing home care for Veterans

## VII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. VSO Salary Increases – A directive was given July 2015 from the Commissioners, requesting \$600,000 for increase for VSO's salaries, \$200,000 was approved effective July 1, 2016. The Commission has submitted to the Department of Public Safety and the Office of Administration (OA) an additional increase of \$400,000 for FY2018. Included in this amount is \$18,000 for Program Secretarial Support. The Commission is scheduled to meet with OA and the Governor's Transition Team in November. The Commission is still working with Human Resources and OA in changing classifications and pay range.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Increase for Veteran Monthly Contribution – After much discussion, Director Kay recommended no increase for 2017. Member Wooten made a motion not to increase the Veterans Monthly Contribution rate for calendar year 2017. Member Nelson seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously
- B. Dr. William Patterson, VISN 15 Network Director, VA-Heartland Veterans Health Network
1. VA Heartland Network (VISN 15) FY17 Fall Strategic Planning Meeting Update
  2. Budget Update
  3. MO VAMC Director Positions Filled
- Keith Repko, Director VA St. Louis Healthcare System
1. Jefferson Barracks Division Construction Update
  2. John Cochran Division Projects
  3. Access to Care and Waiting Times
  4. Veterans Satisfaction
  5. Veterans Outreach to Services
  6. Hope Recovery Center
- David Isaacks, Director Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital
1. St. James CBOC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony November 30, 2016
  2. Quarterly Town Hall for Veterans November 30, 2016 in St. Robert
  3. VA Medical Center Clinical Expansion
  4. Access to Care and Waiting Times
  5. Patriot Place Apartments for Homeless Veterans was Dedicated in May; Groundbreaking for Welcome Home, Inc. Emergency Shelter was conducted on June.
  6. US Senator McCaskill's Veteran Customer Satisfaction Program 2016 Report
- C. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Tom Mundell, Chairman
1. Thanked the Commission for all they do for Veterans

2. Thanked Senator Cunningham and Committee for work on the Senate Interim Committee on Long-Term Care Facilities
3. MAVO will meet today to prioritize legislation for the upcoming session
4. Veterans Rally is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at the State Capitol

D. Missouri Military Preparedness Enhancement Commission (MMPEC)  
– No Report

**IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION**

Member Wooten made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing legal issues. Member Nelson seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion to go into closed session was unanimously approved. 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. By a voice vote the motion to go into open session was unanimously approved. The closed meeting was adjourned.

**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 30, 2017 at 10:00 AM in Jefferson City, Missouri.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

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



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Larry D. Kay, Secretary