

MINUTES

**Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
August 12, 2013 — 1:30 PM
Missouri State Veterans Cemetery Mt. Vernon
1600 S. Hickory, Mt. Vernon Missouri**

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

In attendance: Chairman Emmett Fairfax; Member Paul Connors;
Member Nancy Nelson; Member Chuck Wooten; Member David Pearce;
Member Denny Hoskins

Via Telephone: Vice Chair Scott Englund; Member Scott Sifton; Member
Stephen Webber;

Absent: Ex-Officio Member Michael Dunbar

Guests and staff present:

1. Guests: Dewey Riehn; Virginia Riehn; Lowry Finley-Jackson;
Representative Charlie Davis; Tom Goodin; Lynn Dorrell; Dr. Mark
Enderle; Kim Adkins; Michael Moore; Nancy Cowan; Olin Parks;
Darrin Teaford; Harold Wright
2. Staff: Larry Kay, Executive Director; Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director;
Jill Talken, Executive Secretary; Kevin Hall, General Counsel;
Daniel Bell, Public Information; Kim Taddeucci, Director Homes
Program; Stan Baughn, Director Cemetery Program; Doug
Meyer, Director Veteran Services Program; Tim Norton, Director
Facilities Operations; Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative
Manager; Becky Wolken, Administrative Assistant; Melissa
Wilding, Ombudsman; Kevin Onstott, Capital Improvement
Specialist

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Commission Meeting Minutes May 6, 2013

Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written
and Member Pearce seconded the motion. The minutes were
unanimously approved as written.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

- A. Rules Update – Mr. Kay advised the Commissioners that
the Rules were submitted to Secretary of State Office in
May and comment period ends this week. This includes

the 70% or more service connected disabled Veteran in need of skilled nursing care.

- B. Annual Report 2013 – Finalized / Game Plan 2013 - Printed
- C. Budget Update –Defer until Financial Report from Julie Miller.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were delivered by Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director

Member Pearce requested a satisfaction survey comparison of the Homes with long term care in the industry at the next quarterly meeting.

Member Pearce requested a presentation on Veterans Courts at the next quarterly meeting.

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.

Mr. Kay announced he and Julie Miller recently met with the Commission Chair and elected officials on the Commission to go over FY15 budget plan.

Mr. Kay reported the following on budget:

FY2014 Budget has enough funding

FY2015 Budget will most likely have enough funding with no Capital Improvement Projects.

This fiscal year the Commission will be working on acquiring a Minimum Data Set/Financial System at all the seven homes, acquiring an Anti- Wandering System at all seven homes, replace nurse call & fire alarm system at MVH – Warrensburg, and acquire an electronic claims system for the Veterans Service Program.

Must have Funding: The Commission will need to have a cash balance of \$12 million dollars in the VCCITF at the end of each fiscal year in order to make it through the end of the following November when gaming funds are distributed.

Positives on Revenue:

1. Prevailing Rate
2. Veteran contribution

Positives on Cost:

1. Missouri Veterans Commission operates a low cost model
2. still exploring other opportunities for cost savings

Negatives on Revenue:

1. Federal VA Per Diem flat (possible 1% this fiscal year)
2. Planning for future dollars to come from Veteran contribution

Negatives on Cost:

1. Salary increases for staff is unfunded (we do not receive any additional funding for increases)
2. Overhead charges

The Commission currently has 1,761 employees.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update was delivered by Members Pearce and Member Hoskins. They both thanked Representative Charlie Davis for his leadership with the House Veterans Committee.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

MAVO Veterans Survey – Completed 551 surveys (of that 465 Veterans families responded). Results compiled and team working on analysis of results and completing an action plan to be presented at the September 4th MAVO Meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Larry Kay asked permission from the Commissioners to send a letter of intent to the Missouri Department of Conservation regarding land acquisition at the MVH – St. Louis. Member Wooten made a motion to approve letter of intent. Member Connors seconded the motion. Member Pearce advised to explore of any legal or risk issues which may come with the property. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.
- B. Larry Kay proposed to vote at the November quarterly meeting on an increase of \$50 month for resident increase effective January 1, 2014. Member Pearce requested an illustration of cost and history of the Commissions rate increases and a comparison with the private sector.
- C. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Dr. Mark Enderle, MD, Director Fayetteville, VA Medical Center reported the following:
 1. Justice Outreach Program (Veterans Courts)
 2. Walmart Campaign to hire 1,000 Veterans
 3. VA End Homelessness Initiative
 4. VA received increase in budget

5. Construction update
 6. Mt. Vernon CBOC relocate to Springfield in 2015
 7. Joplin CBOC to open in 2015
 8. Veterans Administration of the Ozarks has been awarded Golden Age Games in June – July 2014 to be held at the University of Arkansas
- D. Missouri Association of Veteran's Organizations (MAVO) – Lynn Dorrell, Chair advised there will be a MAVO Legislative Committee Meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at the Missouri Veterans Commission and a 1:30 pm MAVO Meeting at the DAV in Jefferson City.
MAVO is supporting "Friends of Vietnam Veterans" the Moving Wall, September 19-23, 2013 in Washington Missouri.
American Legion Legacy Run (motorcycle ride) is Monday, August 19 in Springfield.
- E. Missouri Military Preparedness Enhancement Commission (MMPEC) – Michael Dunbar has been named to serve as the Ex-Officio Member on the Missouri Veterans Commission.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 4, 2013 at 10:00 AM in Jefferson City.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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



Larry D. Kay, Secretary