

MINUTES

**Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
August 5, 2014 — 10:00 AM
Missouri State Veterans Home –Cameron, 111 Euclid,
Cameron, Missouri**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Roll Call

In attendance: Chairman Scott Englund; Member Chuck Wooten;
Member David Pearce
Via Telephone: Member Denny Hoskins; Member Scott Sifton;
Member Nancy Nelson
Absent: Vice Chair Paul Connors; Member Michael Frame

Guests and staff present:

- 1. Guests: George Scarborough, Kerry Boardman, Jim Whitfield, Mark Enderle, Lowry Finley-Jackson, Dennis Woeltje, Roger Foreman, KC Rafferty, Ardie Bland, David Fry, Peter Gromowsky, J.R. Resendiz, Douglas Kirby, Dennis Johnson, Kelly Winship, Kelly McDaniel, Janell Mosby, Anna Hummel, Sam Konzak, Pamela Crall, Fred Kiehl, Gary Summers, Michael Moore, David Kollore, Richard Heigert, C. Woods
- 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; Julie Miller, Fiscal and Administrative Manager; Becky Wolken, Administrative Assistant; Melissa Wilding, Ombudsman;

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commission Meeting Minutes May 5, 2014
Member Wooten made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Pearce seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.
- B. Commission Meeting Closed Minutes May 5, 2014
Member Pearce made a motion to approve meeting minutes as written and Member Wooten seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.
- C. Commission Meeting Teleconference Closed Minutes July 15, 2014
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. 2014 Budget – 7.6% lapse money for Electronic Health & Claims Systems
- B. 2015 Budget – Governor withholding \$8 million from MVC budget at this time
- C. House Appropriations Chair asked the Commission to prepare a 5 year budget projection. The Commission has prepared a 10 year budget projection through 2027 to include: operating budget, operating plus capital Improvements, and growth.
- D. Review of Auditors Report – Audit still ongoing, final report expected any day. Full Operational Audit to begin in September 2014.
- E. Calendar – Missouri State Fair August 7-17, 2014

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were delivered by Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director

Member Pearce expressed his concern regarding the Homes waiting list. The Missouri Veterans Commission continues to work closely with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to address waiting lists. Dr. Mark Enderle, Director Fayetteville VA Medical Center reported the VA in addition has Medical Foster Homes that are private homes which have trained caregivers providing services to Veterans. The VA inspects and approves all contracted VA skilled nursing facilities. Currently this program is operational in Southwest MO and Arkansas.

Mr. Hunt reported Cathy Haynes has been selected as the new Administrator at the Missouri State Veterans Home – St James. Cathy took over her role as Administrator on August 1, 2014.

V. STAFF REPORTS

Larry Kay, Executive Director reported on construction projects. Director Kay advised on the following: FY15/16 Projects and Goals, Request Re-Appropriation in FY 16/17 Budget and Request New C.I. Budget Items on FY16/17 Budget. Member Pearce advised Director Kay to make sure that at budget hearings the committee members are informed that it is approved by the Commission.

Director Kay advised members the Department of Conservation has confirmed that property next to MVH-St. Louis is to stay undeveloped. Commission recommendation is to not accept land.

Director Kay informed the Commissioners that the Commission continues to work with Ozark Greenways reference Honor Trail

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

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update was delivered by Members Pearce, Sifton, and Hoskins.

Member Hoskins advised that he serves on the Missouri Military Partnership Committee to help retain, protect and enhance Department of Defense activities in the state. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2014 beginning at noon at the Hampton Inn St. Roberts, MO.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

KC Rafferty, Office of State Courts reported on Veterans Courts. In addition the Commission heard from the Honorable Ardie Bland, Kansas City Municipal Veterans Treatment Court; the Honorable David Fry, Jackson County Veterans Treatment Court; and Mr. Douglas Kirby, graduate of Jackson County Veterans Treatment Court Program.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. FY 2016 Budget – Director Kay reported MVC received budget instructions Friday and will be putting together information per instructions and will share with Chairman Englund once completed
- B. Recommendation for Veteran Monthly Contribution - Director Kay advised the Commissioners in order to maintain with consumer price index a possible 2% increase may be recommended at the November meeting
- C. United States Department of Veterans Affairs –
Dr. Mark Enderle, Director Fayetteville VA Medical Center reported on the following:
 - 1. Outpatient Clinics in Branson and Mt. Vernon are 40% of Fayetteville's workload and soon will be adding Clinic in Springfield (location TBD) in 2017 and a Clinic in Joplin
 - 2. Construction/Renovation Projects Update
 - 3. Newly added Programs – No Veteran Dies Alone Program and The Honor Walk Program
 - 4. Waiting Lists
 - 5. Hosted 2014 National Veterans Golden Age Games
 - 6. Honored as listed "Best Place to Work at VA in the Country"

Michael Moore, Kansas City VA Medical Center reported on the following:

- 1. Outpatient Clinic in Warrensburg will be moving to new location in the next couple of months and will be adding additional services

2. Initiating process of re-locating the Outpatient Clinic at Cameron in the next calendar year due to growth
 3. Construction/Renovation Update
- D. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Richard Heigert, Legislative Chair reported on the following:
1. Passage of SB600 and HJR48.
 2. MAVO will be testifying at the Missouri Military Partnership Hearings.
 3. MAVO will begin working on legislative priority list for 2015
 4. Next MAVO meeting will be held on September 10, 2014 at the DAV Jefferson City, MO
 5. Introduction of Dennis Woeltje, State Commander American Legion
- E. Missouri Military Preparedness Enhancement Commission – no report
- F. James Whitfield, MVC Foundation, Inc. reported the Commission started twenty-six years ago on July 13, 1989. He also noted the Missouri Military Funeral Honors Program has coordinated 125,000 Military Funeral Honors since its beginning. Mr. Whitfield introduced Gib Keith, Chairman MVH-Cameron Assistance League.

IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

No motion.

X. VOTE TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Jefferson City, Missouri

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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



Larry D. Kay, Secretary