MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
January 30, 2012 — 10:00 AM
Jefferson State Office Building, 205 Jefferson Street,
1st Floor State Board of Education Room,
Jefferson City, MO

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

In attendance: Vice Chairman Emmett Fairfax; Member Scott Englund; Member Victor Callahan; Member David Pearce; Member Barney Fisher; Member Jason Kander; Ex-Officio Member Jeff Bloemker

Via telephone: Chairman John Comerford; Member Nancy Nelson

Guests and staff present:

1. Staff: Larry Kay, Executive Director; Bryan Hunt, Deputy Director; Jill Talken, Executive Secretary; Omar Davis, General Counsel; Kim Cleeton, 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; Melissa Wilding, Ombudsman; Daniel Bell, Public Relation Office; Becky Wolken, Administrative Assistant; Kim Harris, Director Human Resource, Pat Behen, Assistant Director Homes Program; James Dennis, Administrator MVH-Mt. Vernon; Rebecca Bradley, Minority Veterans Coordinator; Paula Nordin, Incarcerated Veterans Coordinator; Brad Haggard, Administrator MVC-Cameron; Renee King, Asst. Administrator MVH-Cameron;

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Commission Meeting minutes November 7, 2011

Commissioner Callahan made a motion to approve both Open and Closed minutes of November 7, 2011 and Commissioner Englund seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

A. Town Hall Final Report – meetings were held at all seven State Veterans Homes for the purpose of communicating the Commissions message about its funding needs.

B. Budget 2013 – Julie Miller distributed Missouri Veterans Commission Governor's Recommendations to the Budget FY 2013.

C. Commission Calendar

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.

Daniel Bell, Public Information Office reported on publications, social media update and current MVC talking points. Commissioner Englund asked that the contact be made with the Missouri National Guard reference adding link to MVC Facebook. Commissioner Kander also stated each Guard unit has Facebook pages and could possibly add our link as well. Daniel Bell will follow-up on these suggestions.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update was delivered by Commissioners Callahan, Pearce, Fisher and Kander.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Distributed MVC Legislative Contact Sheet

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Lynn Dorrell, Chairman distributed MAVO Legislative Agenda 2012. MAVO asked the Commission to support legislation that will correct shortfall of the Missouri Veterans Commission funding.

Dewey Riehn, Legislative Chair VFW, informed Commissioners the Governor has embraced a plan to raise casino fees to generate more money for nursing homes for military veterans and asked the Commission to take an official position. After much discussion Member Callahan made a motion that MVC officially supports the $1 increase in gaming admission fees. Senator Pearce seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously. Chairman Comerford and Larry Kay will inform the Governor's office of this action.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Jefferson State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri.

X. ADJOURMENT

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

Larry D. Kay, Secretary