

MINUTES

**Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
January 28, 2013 — 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: Chairman Emmett Fairfax; Vice Chairman Scott Englund; Member Paul Connors; Member Nancy Nelson; Member Chuck Wooten; Member David Pearce; Member Scott Sifton; Member Denny Hoskins;

Absent: Ex-Officio Member Jeff Bloemker

Welcome new members Senator Scott Sifton and Representative Denny Hoskins to the Commission

Guests and staff present:

1. Guests: Dennis Goldsmith; Joseph Klocek; Thomas Hile; Fred Foggie; Velma Steinman; Glenda Flynn; Deb Wilson; Mary Cummings; Don Helms; Marvin Flynn; Bob Osborn; Ernie Lee; Stephen Gray; Jessie Jones; Bryan Bradford; Andrew Edwards; Morris Cox; Dewey Riehn; Virginia Riehn; Sheryl Smith; Dennis Woeltje; Dean Travis; Richard Polk; Jerry Bay; Robert Clayton; Ed. Wilson; Ron Carr; Larry Truman; Bill Rieger; Darryl Ostrom; Kay Sack; Dave Morgan; Sam Crane; George Newell; James Mueller; Lynn Dorrell; Tony Bamvakais; Dennis Sandbothe; Claudia Goodin; Charles Goodin; Harry McLane; Nancy Cowen; Phillip Pippins; Chris Bell; Tom Mundell; Bob Wonnell; Representative Charlie Davis; Jim Whitfield; Richard Heigert; Lowery Finley-Jackson; Frank Prosser; Kenny Goth; Arthur Wilson; Olin Parks; Dick Sanford; Sallie Houser-Hanfelter; Stephen Gaither; Michael Elmore; William Patterson; Mark Enderle; Sherry Anderson; Arvid West; Angie Giddings; Tom Goodin; Bill Stucker; Chief Wahwassuck; Alex Hernandez; Lee Smith; David Kollore; Daniel Ellis; Glenna Bruffy; Marcena Gunter; John Winter; Jack Matthews
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; Patty Faenger,

Assistant Director Homes Program; Kim Harris, Director Human Resources; Bonnie McNeill Boyt, Workforce Development; Larry Carmer, Director State Veterans Cemetery Jacksonville; Amy Bennett; Women Veteran Coordinator; Mark Jones, Re-Entry Coordinator; Melissa Skinner, Research Analyst; Melissa Wilding, Ombudsman; Ken Swearingin, Director State Veterans Cemetery – Bloomfield

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Commission Meeting minutes November 8, 2012
Commissioner Englund made a motion to approve the minutes of November 8, 2012 and Commissioner Connors seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as written.
- B. Commission CLOSED Meeting minutes November 8, 2012
Commissioner Englund made a motion to approve the CLOSED minutes of November 8, 2012 and Commissioner Connors 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. "Veterans Appreciation Day" – January 28 & 29
- B. Commissioner Appointments – New members to the Commission Senator Scott Sifton and Representative Denny Hoskins. Waiting for one additional appointment from the House.
- C. Budget – House Public Safety Appropriations Committee Goals: past two years audits, what can we do to be better, what is working and what needs improvement
- D. Governor State of the State Address tonight @ 7:00 pm
- E. Governor recommendations for Commission will be distributed to Commissioners when available
- F. Welcome American Legion Women Post 1107 Kansas City – 3rd all women post in the country
- G. Melissa Wilding, Ombudsman distributing MVC packets to Legislative Assistants
- H. Welcome Lt. Col. Steve Gray (USAF, RET), Military Liaison with U.S. Senator John Boozman, Arkansas.

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 financial. It was explained that both our operational budget and Capital Improvement budget have been submitted through the Department of Public Safety.

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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

Member Pearce explained HB 427 increased the membership of the Missouri Veterans' Commission from five to nine. Two members from the House of Representatives, one appointed by the Speaker and one by the Minority Floor Leader; and two members from the Senate, one appointed by the President Pro Tem and one by the Minority Floor Leader.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Rules Update – Director Larry Kay advised the Commissioners that the Department of Public Safety will file Rules changes with the Secretary of State Office.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Dr. William Patterson, VA Heartland Veterans Health Network VISN 15 – As the VA continues to reach out to Veterans they also have made ending Veteran homelessness a top priority.

Sally Houser-Hanfelder, Director VAMC-Columbia reported on My HealtheVet's. Patients can now go online to see most of their medical records through this feature. Ms. Hanfelder also advised the hospital is working on provider agreements with CBOC's.

Dr. Mark Enderle, MD, Director Fayetteville, VA Medical Center announced the Associate Director of the Fayetteville VA Medical Center is retiring. He reported on new services added and current construction projects and advised the CBOC located at Mt. Vernon is moving in 2015 to Springfield and they are waiting for approval for a new CBOC in Joplin. Dr. Enderle also explained the VA's new Homeless Program - Housing First that focuses immediately on stabilizing Veterans in housing and then providing supportive services.

- B. Missouri Association of Veteran's Organizations (MAVO) –Lynn Dorrell, Chairman reported on MAVO legislative agenda.

Dewey Riehn, Legislative Chair MAVO advised on the Veterans Treatment Courts initiative.

IX. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2013 at

10:00 AM at the Jefferson State Office Building, Jefferson City, Missouri.

X. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

Member Connors made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose to discuss personnel issues. Member Pearce seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

XI. VOTE TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION

Member Wooten made a motion to go into open session. Member Englund seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

XII. ADJOURMENT

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

Larry D. Kay, Secretary