MINUTES

Quarterly Meeting of the
Missouri Veterans Commission
Held, pursuant to notice
July 21, 2015 — 10:00 AM
American Legion Post 223, W. 22nd & Plum St.,
Higginsville, Missouri

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

B. Roll Call

In attendance: Member Glenn Boyer, Member Mike Mowrer; Member Nancy Nelson; Member Chuck Wooten; Member Representative Denny Hoskins;

Via Phone: Chairman Scott Englund; Member Senator Dan Brown; Member Senator Scott Sifton; Member Representative Rochelle Walton Gray; Ex-Officio Member Michael Dunbar

Guests and staff present:

1. Guests: Jim Whitfield; Donna Kolas; Al Dieckhoff; Ray Paul; Richard Heigert; Jean Mowrer; George Scarborough; George Bayless, SueEllen Boyer; Jess Rasmussen; Lane Roberts; Bill Kolas; David Pearce; Stephen Gaither; Robert Ritter; David Martin; David Kollore; Robert Crecelius; Ted Knox; Stephen Gaither; Carolyn Sanford; Roger Erdman
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; Terry McAdams, Director Human Resources; Teddie Velleri, Director Higginsville State Veterans Cemetery;

Introduction & Remarks - Senator David Pearce

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Commission Meeting Minutes May 4, 2015

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

Commission Meeting Minutes CLOSED May 4, 2015

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III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

A. Introduction & Remarks - Mayor Bill Kolas, Higginsville Missouri
B. Introduction & Remarks - Teddie Velleri, Director Higginsville State Veterans Cemetery
C. Introduction & Remarks - Lane Roberts, Director Department of Public Safety
D. Introduction & Remarks - James Whitfield, President Higginsville Cemetery Assistance League
E. 2015 – 2016 Game Plan Major Goals:
   1. Fully operationalize our Electronic Health Records system to include implementation of the Electronic Medication Pass
   2. Fully operationalize our eVet Assist program to include making significant steps toward Digits to Digits (D2D) with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs
   3. Develop and utilize an Excellence in Appearance checklist with at least two separate peer reviews of our cemeteries conducted this year
   4. Work with Missouri Veterans Commissioners and the Department of Public Safety to update salaries and to reclassify all Veterans Service Officer positions
   5. Continue moving the Central Office from a paper to an electronic environment by fully implementing the operational use of Outlook

   2015-2016 Missouri Benefits and Resource Guide For Veterans and Military: Available for State Fair.

Chairman Englund reported that Dewy Riehn is currently attending the VFW National Convention and congratulates Commissioners Mowrer and Boyer on their appointment to the Missouri Veterans Commission.

IV. PROGRAM REPORTS

Program reports were delivered by the following staff:

Homes Program-Kim Taddeucci
Cemetery Program- Stan Baughn
Veterans Services Program- Doug Meyer

V. STAFF REPORTS

Tim Norton, Director Facilities Operations reported on construction projects.

HB 947 - Authorizes the conveyance of various state properties: Springfield Veterans Walking Trail/Ozark Greenway has been signed by the Governor and will take approximately 90 days to process.

HB19 - Appropriates money for capital improvements: Six major renovation projects at all Homes except St. James – HVAC, Nurse Call & Fire Alarm, Life Safety Upgrades.

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

FY 2015 Budget Completed

- 11.66% MVC Operating Appropriations lapsed

FY 2017 Budget due in September

VI. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Update was delivered by Member Representative Hoskins.
HB19 - Appropriates money for capital improvements

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing to report

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Salary Adjustment Proposals – Director Kay
   1. Homes Program – Recommend using existing funding for equity increases for 25 positions in the Homes not to exceed $68,000. After much discussion member Wooten made a motion to provide equity increases for 25 affected positions in the Homes Program for a sum not to exceed $68,000. Effective this next full pay period. Member Mowrer seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.
   2. Veteran Service Program – Ask for direction from the Commission to put in the budget this year pay increases for Veteran Service Officers, Claims Representatives and Supervisors not to exceed $600,000 for FY 2017. After much discussion member Wooten made a motion that we direct that the Veterans Service Program Personal Service Budget be increased by a sum not to exceed $600,000 for the FY 2017 budget. Member Boyer seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously.

B. United States Department of Veterans Affairs –Robert Ritter, Associate Director Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital reported on the following:
   1. Access to Care and Waiting List– Average Access to Care waiting time for "New" Patients" 13 days for Mental Health, 13 days for Primary Care, 20 days for Specialty Care Patients. Greater than 92% of all

appointments have been accomplished in 30 days or less.

2. Veteran Access, Choice, and Accountability Act (VACAA) – A total of 4,430 Veterans eligible through VACAA. Received 54.45 additional FTE with VACAA funding for FY2015. Eligibility requirements: Live more than 40 mile radius and/or appointment time more than 30 days out.
3. Customer Satisfaction – Positive survey results. 90% would recommend Truman VA to other Veterans.
4. Construction Update – Projects underway: Psychiatry Unit renovation, Audiology relocation and a new Dental Clinic. News Projects: Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory and new Specialty Care addition. Working on a lease for relocation of the St. James CBOC.
5. Announcements - Harry S Truman Memorial Veterans' Hospital rated 4 Star Facility in the nation. Quarterly Town Hall Meeting for Veterans and Family Members will be held on July 29, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the American Legion Post 5, Jefferson City Missouri.

C. Missouri Association of Veterans Organizations (MAVO) – Richard Heigert announced the next MAVO meeting will be held on September 22, 2015 at 1:30 PM at the DAV in Jefferson City, Missouri. Election of Officers: Tom Mundell, Chairman
The Executive and Legislative Committees will meet in November to layout the 2016 legislative agenda.

IX. VOTE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION

No Motion

X. VOTE TO GO INTO OPEN SESSION

No Motion

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 9, 2015 at 10:00 AM at Jefferson City, Missouri.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Commission, Member Boyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Mowrer seconded the motion. By a voice vote the motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Larry D. Kay, Secretary