

## **Greene County Veterans Affairs Commission**

### **October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Members Present: Michael Bierl, Bruce Chaffee, Barb Labate and Jerry Spaulding.

**Public Comments** – None.

**Previous Minutes** – Motion made by Spaulding, motion seconded, and carried to approve the September meeting minutes.

**Expense/Budget Report** – Reviewed by Bierl.

**Approval of Bills** – 1) \$18.49 to Mike Bierl for district meeting lunch \$7 and postage for VA claim \$11.49 2) \$139.60 to Mike Bierl for mileage to attend district meeting \$139.60 3) \$39.80 to Bruce Chaffee (includes mileage) 4) \$30.00 to Barb Labate 5) \$30 to Jerry Spaulding

#### Old Business

**Email Newsletter for Veterans** – Bierl reports veteran affairs webpage newsletter set up, plans to add commission agendas and minutes, and use media to publicize it.

**Peg Gannon Donation** – Gannon will consult with son and get back to Bierl.

**Medallions** – Policy clarified and peace time veterans are eligible to receive free medallions.

**Floyd Brown Photo in Courthouse** – Don Labate will draw renderings of walls with possible locations of photo.

**Mini-flags** – Allocation funds are authorized for this purchase. Instead of this option, Chaffee volunteered to purchase 40 of these, which ten will be given to each board member for individual distribution to determine their impact.

#### New Business

**Office Equipment and Veterans Affairs Office Signage** – Board agreed for the need of updated chairs for client use in office; Bierl will order them. Bierl placed an order for 2 signs for office door.

**Veteran Rental Assistance** – Veteran requested assistance, awaiting paperwork.

**Proposed Dinner/Talk for Veterans** – Discussion on reaching veterans at risk for suicide and publicizing veteran assistance. Bierl will contact speaker contact to see what currently works and also Home Base Iowa for possible resources.

**Annual Rake Day** – Greene County Schools requesting all bus drivers for help with event. Board agreed for Bierl to leave work at noon on that day.

**Veterans Commissioner Training** – Labate scheduled to attend on 15 October.

Next Meeting Date – November 12th at 10:00 AM

Meeting adjourned at 11:00.

Barb Labate, Secretary