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**Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1191

VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE
Tuesday, February 9, 2010
****5:15 p.m.****
Room 201, Northern Building
305 E. Walnut Street

1. Call Meeting to Order.
2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.
3. Approve/Modify Agenda.
4. Approve/Modify Minutes of January 12, 2010.
5. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus (if available).
6. Report from Chair Jack Krueger
7. Report from Committee Members Present (Steenbock, Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Verhaagh, & Walschinski).
8. Such other Matters as Authorized by Law.
9. Adjourn.

Jack Krueger, Chair

Notice is hereby given that action by Committee may be taken on any of the items which are described or listed in this agenda. Please take notice that it is possible additional members of the Board of Supervisors may attend this meeting, resulting in a majority or quorum of the Board of Supervisors. This may constitute a meeting of the Board of Supervisors for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 5:15 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT:	Jack Krueger—Chair, Don Bettine, Jim Haskins, John Maino, Duane "Snake" Pierce, Sherry Steenbock, Kristen Verhaagh, John Walschinski.
EXCUSED:	Troy Ness.
ALSO PRESENT:	Jerry Polus.

1. **Call Meeting to Order**:
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jack Krueger at 5:14 p.m.

2. **Invocation by Jim Haskins**

3. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

A motion was made by D. Bettine and seconded by J. Haskins to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. **Approve/Modify Minutes of November 3, 2009:**

A motion was made by D. Pierce and seconded by J. Walschinski to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. **Report from CVSO Jerry Polus (if available):**
Jerry Polus, Veterans Service Officer, requested that Sherry Steenbock prepare a certificate for Patricia Finder-Stone and send the certificate to Mr. Polus, so he can present it at a special meeting.

Mr. Polus asked Kristen Verhaagh to help a female veteran obtain a scholarship for the purchase of books, which is estimated at $700. Ms. Verhaagh indicated that the scholarship amounts to $500, and Mr. Polus said he may be able to help with the balance. Ms. Verhaagh will look into this. Duane Pierce said he heard recently that Barnes & Noble is starting to rent books to college students; and the savings is estimated to be 50 percent.

Mr. Polus informed the members that Ronelle is the new receptionist in the Veterans Office. He reported that he does not remember a January when the office has been so busy. He outlined the areas showing a high level of activity:

- Property Tax Credit (Many veterans now qualify due to modifications in the requirements.)
- Health care
- Pensions for veterans and widows in nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- New Post 9/11 GI Bill

Regarding the clinic, Mr. Polus said Requests for Proposals have been put out to identify a contractor to build the building per the V.A. (Veterans Administration) specifications. Then the V.A. will lease that building from the contractor. He said he

hopes ground-breaking will be this year. Chair Krueger added that because the contractor owns the building, this would be put on the tax rolls.

6. **Report from Chair Jack Krueger:** None.

7. **Report from Committee Members (Steenbock, Bettine, Haskins, Maino, Pierce, Verhaagh, & Walschinski):**
Sherry Steenbock expressed concern with the placement of the article in the "Green Bay Press Gazette" concerning the Veterans' Day activities. She opined that the other four local newspapers did a great job; however, the "Press Gazette" placed the article in Monday's issue (instead of Sunday's as promised) in the Sports Section. She read an e-mail from the "Press Gazette" in response to her inquiry that indicated that the only way to ensure that the information would be printed as requested would be to purchase an ad. After conversation, the general consensus was that it would be expensive to purchase an advertisement; and Chair Krueger suggested that public service announcements be considered instead. John Walschinski said he has been working with Chuck Ramsay concerning a public service announcement. He added that there are a number of veterans he sees bi-monthly who could help.

Don Bettine reported that the Washington-Lincoln Day Dinner will be at The Woods on February 15, 2010, beginning with cocktails at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:30 p.m. The price is $12.50 per person. Mr. Bettine also reported that May 1, 2010, has been set aside by presidential proclamation as VFW Loyalty Day, and this year the celebration will be at the Duck Creek VFW. He added that there will be a parade and refreshments, and ads are being sold for the Loyalty Day booklet.

John Maino reported on some of the projects he has been involved with. He said donations from several organizations, including Viet Nam Veterans and Desert Storm Veterans, were received; and the home of a young veteran from Menominee, Michigan (who had been severely injured in Iraq) was refurbished. Mr. Maino also reported that a young man from Fond du Lac was given $3,000 and was provided airline flights between Walter Reed Hospital and Milwaukee, as well as box seats for a Green Bay Packers football game.

Mr. Maino invited those present to attend a meeting on Thursday at 12:00 noon at The Cornerstone on Mid Valley Drive to discuss ways to raise funds for the Flight of Honor. Duane Pierce added that there have been efforts to begin this in Wausau as well. Mr. Maino said Heritage Hill is planning to have a Viet Nam Veterans Art Series in May; and one of the Medal of Honor recipients will be in town for 3 days and will speak at some of the area schools. Mr. Pierce added that Heritage Hill, the Museum downtown, and the Railroad Museum will also have events during that time period to run in conjunction with LZ Lambeau.

Mr. Walschinski said he has been working on a program regarding senior vets and will present this at the February meeting.

Kristen Verhaagh reported that training for Desert Veterans will be held later this month; and a representative from the State will train them on military honors, flag details, and proper funeral details. She said the plan is to offer this as a free service to the community. Mr. Bettine added that because the American Legion, VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) and DAV (Disabled American Veterans) are not getting younger members, it is becoming more difficult for those organizations to perform the

ceremonies. Ms. Verhaagh added that once the training is completed, the Desert Veterans will be able to apply for some grants in order to obtain better equipment.

Duane Pierce reported that he is now in Rolling Thunder Chapter 4—Wausau. He said a POW Table Ceremony was held, as well as one in October (for the Navy birthday) and one in December. Concerning LZ Lambeau, Mr. Pierce reported that the stops for the ride from LaCrosse to Green Bay will be in Coloma, Stevens Point, and the Timber Rattlers Stadium in Appleton. The first group will be 300 to 500 bikes. There is clearance for a Huey to fly from Appleton to Green Bay, and arrival in Green Bay is expected between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. He stated that there is an organizational meeting later this month, and he will report back at next month's meeting. Mr. Pierce said there was a luncheon for veterans the Saturday after Veterans' Day at Pearly Gates, and estimated about 200 to 300 people attended during the afternoon. He thanked the Desert Vets for helping with this event. He said Pearly Gates will also be involved in a Viet Nam Veterans Ride on July 10.

Jim Haskins reported that he attended several events in the area for Veterans' Day. He went to the Green Bay Yacht Club for the Veterans' Day ceremony on November 7. There were about 50 people present, and Channel 2 filmed the event to show on the evening news. Mr. Haskins said he left some LZ Lambeau posters there and picked up a brochure entitled, "Freedom Team Salutes." Mr. Haskins stated that he dropped off LZ Lambeau posters at Golden Corral and noted that veterans were given "thank you" stickers to wear. In addition, while at American Antiques, Mr. Haskins learned about a 92-year-old veteran who came in for a free watch battery; the veteran indicated that this was the first free thing he had ever received as a veteran. The veteran stated that when he enlisted, he left two children at home and one on the way; and when he returned, the army told him to find his own way home. Mr. Haskins also attended a presentation at his church, where children made "thank you" cards for the veterans and asked the veterans about their experiences.

8. **Discuss Issue of Frames for Certificates:**
Chair Krueger said he purchased some frames and has about 10-12 available as needed.

When Mr. Haskins asked if the certificates could be made smaller in order to fit better in the frames, Mr. Walschinski said he would discuss this with Karen.

Ms. Steenbock explained that certificates are being given to all new contributors.

9. **Such other Matters as Authorized by Law:** None.

10. **Adjourn:**

A motion was made by J. Haskins and seconded by S. Steenbock to adjourn at 5:58 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa M. Alexander
Recording Secretary