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, August 15, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Bernie Erickson, Duane Pierce, Ed Koslowski, Joan Brusky, Jerry Polus
EXCUSED: Jim Haskins, Joe Witkowski, Louise Dahlke

**Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1841

1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

   The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

   Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Duane Pierce to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of July 11, 2017.**

   Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Joan Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. **Budget Status Financial Report for June, 2017.**

   Chair Bernie Erickson informed the unspent operating cash will roll over to next year however, he reminded the group that expenditures still need to be made for Fair expenses.

   Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Ed Koslowski to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5. **Update re: Honor Rewards Program.**

   CVSO Jerry Polus informed there have not been any changes in the Honor Rewards Program since the last update. He indicated there will be a representative of the Register of Deeds Office at the Fair to sign veterans up for the program and he anticipates getting some new participants at that time. Chair Erickson added that he will also make some contacts in the fall to get information on the program out to merchants.

6. **Update re: 2017 Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Brown County Fair.**
   a. **Finalized Timeline.**
   b. **Certificate/dog tags.**

   Polus wanted to be sure that Associated Bank gets special mention as a major sponsor of this year's event because of the $1,000 donation they gave towards the event.

   Polus distributed the final timeline for the event and the group briefly discussed it. Joan Brusky about the tables and Koslowski said the NEW Meet and Greet group has a number of tables and the Fair also provides tables if needed. There was also a discussion regarding the door prizes and Erickson said that they can work on packing the prizes up into bags the morning of the event.

Erickson showed the Subcommittee the certificate which will be handed out to the Purple Heart vets and the disabled vets and he also gave everyone in attendance one of the dog tags that will be handed out at the event. A discussion was held concerning what time to meet at the Fair and it was decided to meet about 9:30 am.

7. **Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.**

Polus did not have anything to report other than what was discussed above.

8. **Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Brusky, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Pierce & Witkowski).**

-Erickson informed that his fishing club used to sponsor a trout pond for Special Olympics, but they are changing the format this year to include not only Special Olympics but also a number of other groups such as kids from Syble Hopp and disabled veterans.

-Brusky informed she has collected about 24 tickets and gift certificates for prizes for the Fair as well as a gas grill. She also shared a news article she had seen about a specialized golf cart called a paramobile. The paramobile was purchased by a Green Bay man who wanted to get disabled area veterans out golfing. The cart is available for use free to veterans by calling Scott at 920-406-8500. The paramobile provides mobility and support for persons with paraplegia and other disabilities allowing them to participate in activities that require standing such as golf. So far about two dozen veterans have used the vehicle. When someone wants to use the cart it is delivered to where it will be used and instructions are given for its use and then it is picked up when the veteran is done with it.

-Koslowski said the green tent that was set up at the Fair last year will not be set up this year because he is unavailable to go take it down and further, the Fair informed they could not provide security for it. This brought up a discussion regarding how to make sure the donated gas grill is secured if it is dropped off on Friday. Erickson said he will handle this with the Public Works Department.

Koslowski also indicated there should be an agenda item for the next meeting to have a discussion regarding Veterans Day activities.

-Pierce informed that preliminary numbers are in from the Pearly Gates ride and it looks like proceeds will be over six figures. There were 740 bikes at the event along with 150 hots rods and 1500 people on the ride as well as many, many more at the festivities following the ride. If the numbers come in where expected, they will be very close to raising $1 million dollars in 12 years. Pierce said that many local vets have been helped with ride proceeds in many different ways.

9. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.** None.

10. **Adjourn.**

Motion made by Ed Koslowski, seconded by Joan Brusky to adjourn at 4:59 pm. Vote taken. <u>MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary