**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, October 15, 2019 at 4:30 pm in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**PRESENT:** Vice Chair Ed Kozlowski, Duane Pierce, Jerry Polus, Joe Aulik, Joan Brusky, Kerry Metoxen
**EXCUSED:** Chair Erickson, Louise Dahlke

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1. **Call Meeting to Order.**

   The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Ed Koslowski at 4:30 pm.

2. **Approve/Modify Agenda.**

   **Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Jerry Polus to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

3. **Approve/Modify Minutes of September 17, 2019.**

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

4. **Invocation.**

   Jim Haskins gave the invocation at this time.

5. **Budget Status Financial Report for August 2019 (unaudited).**

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

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

   CVSO Joe Aulik informed there are currently 72 businesses taking part in the program and he provided a handout of the businesses. In addition, there have been 550 Honor Rewards cards issued, however, it was noted that veterans can also use other forms of identification to receive the offers.

7. **Discussion re: Veterans Day.**

   Koslowski noted Veterans Day is fast approaching. Joan Brusky is in the process of contacting businesses and Jim Haskins also provided an updated list of locations he has contacted. Jerry Polus will also be contacting several businesses. Brusky will work on verifying offers of national chains and any others on the list that have not been contacted. Koslowski noted that almost all of the participating businesses are in Green Bay and asked members to reach out to any businesses they frequent in surrounding areas if possible.

   Various Veterans Day events are also listed on the article that will be submitted to the newspaper for publication. These events include:

   -4th Annual Salute to Service Veterans Party sponsored by Give Back Green Bay and American Legion Post 11 on November 3.
   -Meat Raffle at Duck Creek Pub on November 2.
   -4th HOOAH Veterans Suicide Awareness March on November 9 leaving from the KI Center at 8:00 am.

-Veterans Day event at the Green Bay Gamblers on November 2 at the Resch Center.
-15th Annual Green Bay Yacht Club event on November 9 with registration beginning at 10:00 am.
-Free lunch for Veterans at Pearly Gates on November 9 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm.
-Various Veterans events at UWGB all week long.
-United Patriotic Society event on November 11. The location for this event has changed to the Veterans Memorial Parkway which is by the Neville Public Museum.
-All day vigil by the Vietnam Veterans on November 11.

Available information on several of these events is attached.

Koslowski would like to have everyone's information back by October 25. He noted he has sent out a number of e-mails already asking area businesses if they will be extending Veterans Day offers. Once the list is finalized he will provide the same to Bernie Erickson who will turn it in to the Brown County Executive's Office for publication in the *Press Gazette* and hopefully the other smaller area community newspapers.

8. **Discussion re: Honor Flight of Champions – October 19.**

Aulik informed volunteer training will take place on October 18 in the mezzanine area of the airport at 6:00 pm and this has all been coordinated by Stars and Stripes Honor Flights. On Saturday, the day of the flight, morning volunteers should arrive at 3:30 am. Veterans will arrive about 4:15 am and the flight is scheduled to leave about 5:20 am and return at 7:30 pm. Volunteers and others who wish to welcome the flight back should start arriving to the airport by 5:30 pm. Aulik stated everything is pretty much in place and they are expecting a large crowd on hand to welcome the flight back. Pierce noted he has announced the welcome back information to several large groups he has recently been at. There will be about 80 veterans on the Green Bay flight and he anticipates it being a good event.

Polus asked if Brown County is making any type of monetary donation to this and Aulik responded that they have more than enough in terms of monetary donations, however, the County is providing in-kind services for the event. Brusky asked if this is likely to become a regular event. Aulik responded that that is up to Stars and Stripes Honor Flights, but if it goes well he anticipates it will be continued, especially since the Packers are interested in being part of it. He has heard that the NFL is interested in seeing how this goes and possibly getting other NFL teams involved in similar events. Koslowski added that he has heard that this is being used as somewhat of a model for other sports teams across the country to look at to get other teams involved.

9. **Report from CVSO Joe Aulik.**

Aulik said the big thing he was going to report on was the Honor Flight which the group just talked about. He also informed that so far they have tracked $1.4 million dollars in cash retro payouts and they currently have about 596 claims pending and awaiting for adjudication at the VA. They have also been doing a lot of outreach and are working on increasing their social media to get the word out to veterans.

10. **Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Brusky, Corry, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Metoxen, Pierce, Polus).**

-Brusky did not have anything to report.

-Haskins did not have anything to report.

-Ed Koslowski informed a sportsman's raffle will be held on November 2. Prizes include a shotgun, carved duck and a mystery signed football jersey from former Packers who were in town for the Bart Starr Celebration of Life.

-Kerry Metoxen informed that on November 11 they will be doing booyah at their office around lunch time and all veterans are invited. Also, on November 26 they will be having a wild game feast at the office for lunch. They have received donations of bear meat, elk meat, rabbit and venison. The office is located at 134 Riverdale Drive (near the Brown County Golf Course).

-Duane Pierce reported that he put in about 40 volunteer hours in Manitowoc recently at the Wall That Heals event. The event was okay, but not quite as big as the event held in Crivitz last year. The event in Manitowoc was attended by about 14,000 according to information received, but Pierce thought that estimate was high.

-Polus informed he will be volunteering at the Flight of Champions, but did not have anything further to report.

11. **Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

Koslowski informed he recently received a request from former Subcommittee member Rosemary Desisles to see if he can assist in raising $900 for a cement footing for out at Nicolet for her former husband's bronze military plaque. Her former husband was a Vietnam vet and is now deceased. Koslowski continued that his AMVETS post made a donation and he intends to contact some other organizations to see if they would be willing to donate and he will continue to try to assist Rosemary as best he can.

12. **Adjourn.**

Prior to adjourning, Jim Haskins said a closing prayer.

**Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Duane Pierce to adjourn at 5:05 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Administrative Specialist

**Honor Rewards List as of August 2019**

1919 Kitchen & Tap
Abbey Bar, The
Aloft Green Bay
Alpha Delights European Bakery & Café
AmericInn Lodge & Suites
Amerigas
Appleton Highland Memorial Park
Automobile Gallery, The
Book Stop
Bring It! Errands & Delivery
Cabela's
Cannery Public Market, The
Captain's Walk Winery
Concordia University-Green Bay
Country Inn & Suites Stadium District
Cyndi's Rejuvenation
De Pere Cinema
Dunkin Donuts
Empire Beauty School
Expressions Photography Studio
Fox Harbor Pub and Grill
From above youth center and bakery
Gallagher's Pizza
GLASS HAUS STAINED GLASS STUDIO The
Glass Monkey
Green Bay Chiropractic
Green Bay Packers Hall of Fame and Stadium Tours
Green Bay Stamp Shop
Green Bay Vacuums and Sewing Express
Gyro Kabobs
Happy Joe's Pizza and Ice Cream Parlor
Health Home Heating and Cooling
Heritage Hill State Historical Park
HJ Martin & Son, Inc.
iHOP
iSupply Wireless
J & R Excavating
Jerry Ganz Financial Planning
Jimmy Seas
Kersten Realty
Kwaterski Construction
Lake View Memorial Park
Liberty Tax
Martin Photography
Martinizing Dry Cleaning Services
Matzke Chiropractic
Mint Salon
National Railroad Museum
Neville Public Museum
Nicolet Memorial Gardens
Olde 41 LLC
Once Upon a Child
Packers Pro Shop
Pancake Place, the
Parkside Animal Care Center
Perkin's
Pizza Ranch
Poster dated August 18, 2016 includes all above
Pub333
Salon West
Segway the Fox Tour
Shear Sports
Tattoos by Rick
Tie the Knot Bridal Boutique
Tile Techniques LLC
Tri Essence Salon & Spa, Inc.
Tundra Lodge Resort
Vandervest Harley Davidson
Wanezek, Jaekels, Daul & Babcock, S.C.
Western Racket & Fitness Club
XO Fitness
Zabel Monuments

# November 3, 2-7pm

# VETERANS - 4th Annual Salute To Service Party

## at: Green Bay Distillery

## Food, Family, Fun!

**Photo Time!! "Snap a Pic with Vinny"**

**Watch the Game on the Big Screen**

**Silent Aucton Raffles Free Goody bags to 1st 200 guests**

**Sponsored by: Houses of Honor & Give Back Green Bay**

**Special guest: American Legion Post 11**

Donations?

Cathy Kohlbeck (920)606-0592

Tyler Jozwiak (920)445-8405

Mary Krutz (920) 680-7938

HOUSES OF HONOR

GIVE BACK GREEN BAY

THE AMERICAN LEGION FAMILY

# MILITARY APPRECIATION NIGHT

presented by Animal Referral Center

# SAVE THE DATE

## NOVEMBER 2, 2019

## RESCH CENTER · 7:05PM

**All veterans & active military personnel receive a FREE TICKET**

· Since 2013, Military Night has raised $158,000, all of which has stayed right here in Northeast Wisconsin to assist our veterans.

· By participating as a sponsor of Military Appreciation Night, 100% of you donation will go directly to the DAV Transportation program.

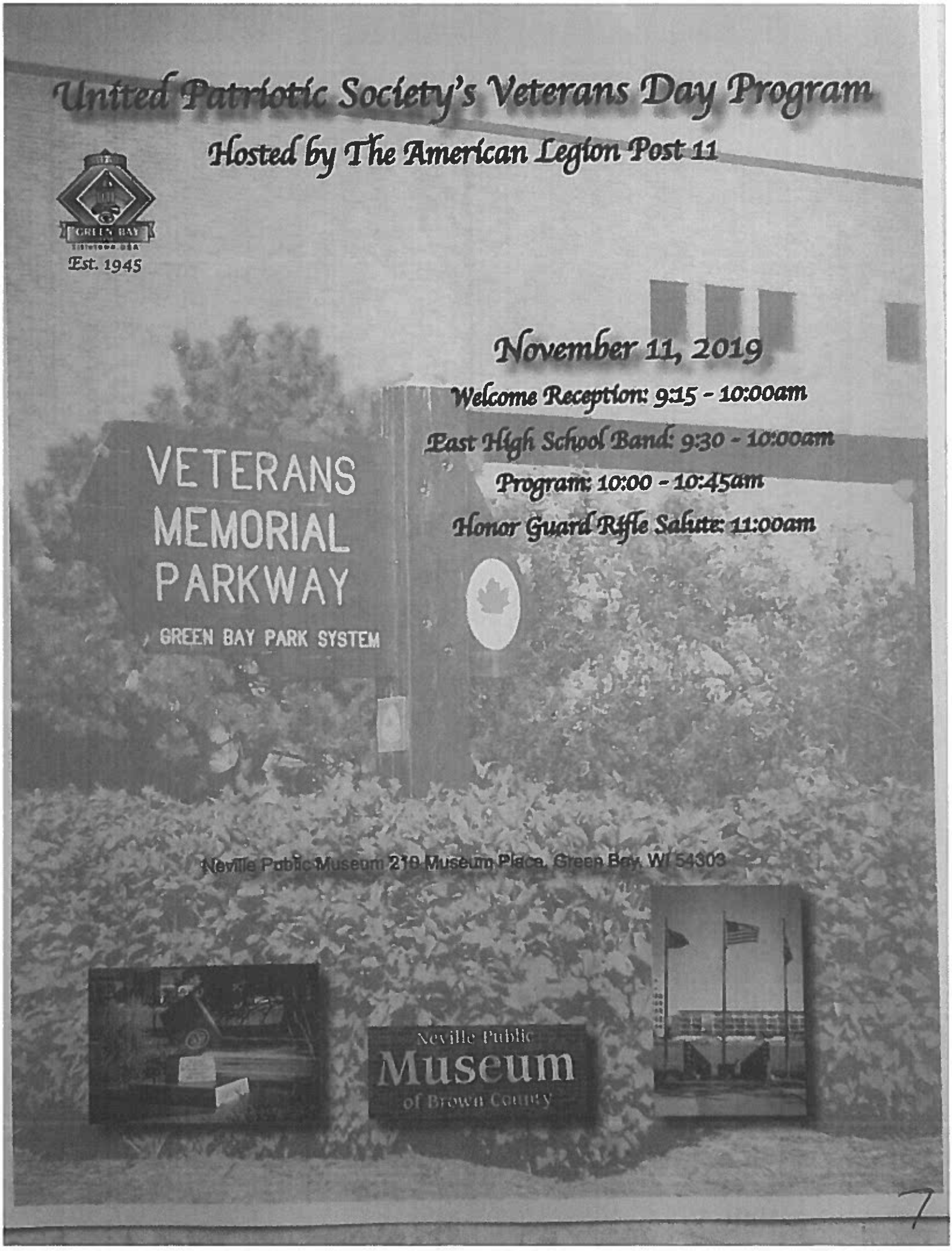
**GamblersHockey.com** #GoGamblers

Text GAMBLERS to 79489

# United Patriotic Society's Veterans Day Program

## Hosted by The American Legion Post 11

Est. 1945




**November 11, 2019**

**Welcome Reception: 9:15 - 10:00am**

**East High School Band: 9:30 - 10:00am**

**Program: 10:00 - 10:45am**

**Honor Guard Rifle Salute: 11:00am**

Neville Public Museum 210 Museum Place, Green Bay, WI 54303