

Minutes  
Vilas County Veterans Service Commission

June 16, 2009

Members Present:

Harold Else  
Robert Kriehn  
Raymond Johnson

Others Present:

Scott Jensen CVSO  
Ron DeBruyne Vilas County Board Member

Meeting called to order by Raymond Johnson at 9:09 am.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of agenda, motion by Kriehn 2nd by Johnson, motion passed

Minutes of meeting of September 17, 2008 read and motion to accept minutes by DeBruyne, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Else, motion passed.

Jensen reported on CVSO Grant from the Wisconsin Dept of Veterans Affairs. Each county in Wisconsin receives a grant from the Wisconsin Dept of Veterans Affairs if they have a full time County Veterans Service Officer. The grant amount is according to county population, and Vilas County is eligible for a \$10,000.00 grant. The grant was approved by WDVA on May 29, 2009, but the check has not been received as of this date.

Discussion about Harold Else upcoming surgery at the VA in Milwaukee. He will have the inpatient copay of up to 1000.00 if he stays overnight.

Johnson, Kriehn, and Else spoke of Vets Service Commission meeting in Waupaca in Sept 2009. Next Vets Service Commission meeting at Waupaca Courthouse 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of September 2009. Johnson and Else plan on attending next meeting but Kriehn will be at reunion in Dan Diego and unable to attend.

Jensen provided update on new VA benefits related to Agent Orange. Amyloidosis has recently been added to the list of presumptive diseases related to exposure to Agent Orange. Parkinson's disease is also being studied for presumptive disability.

Jensen discussed upcoming Memorial Day Service and that it was well attended. Harold Madson was guest of honor and was recognized for the award of the French Legion Of Honor. Showed the commission members the certificate and the medal. Discussion about when and where to award the Medal. Jensen solicited input for guest speaker and place.

Discussion about new AMVETS organization in Land O Lakes, WI and the honor guards. Military funeral honors discussed.

Jensen informed the committee that he did not attend the Eagle River Health Fair on June 13, 2009 due to illness.

Discussion of State Budget and Veterans Benefits. As the budget has not been finalized, no report of affects of veterans programs.

Jensen gave report on CVSO Spring Conference in Marshfield May 4-8 2009. American Legion Nation Service Officer working at the Board of Veterans Appeals was main presenter.

Motion to adjourn by Kriehn Else 2<sup>nd</sup> Motion carried.

Next Meeting September 17, 2009 9:00 am.

Submitted by Scott Jensen, CVSO