

The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held the regular monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2009 at 2309 Euclid Av, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Quijano, Lipovac, O’Kane

County Attorney Dan Flaherty is present.

Moved by Lipovac, Seconded by O’Kane to approve the claims submitted for the month.

VOTE YEA: O’Kane, Quijano, Lipovac

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Quijano to approve the minutes of February 12, 2009 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: O’Kane, Quijano, Lipovac

Director’s report was given by David DeBolt, Director.

There were 187 veterans at the Stand Down on February 21, 2009. Anyone that was not a veteran was asked to leave.

Perpetual Care, graves maintenance, we pay for veterans graves in Des Moines. Director will do some research to determine why we are continuing to pay this each year.

Angel Kifer, Secretary, will be gone from August 14, 2009 to February 5, 2010 for military leave. We are working on a side-by-side position to cover this time period.

District Meeting was held in Knoxville today. We could not participate because our commission meeting was scheduled at the same time. Our office has not participated but will begin attending at the next meeting.

Commissioner O’Kane, Director DeBolt, Senior Veteran Affairs Representative Buch will be attending Spring School.

Commission discussed current guidelines regarding college students. With the economy as it is we are finding that more veterans are contacting our office about going to school. Proposed changes:

1. Counting all income including GI Bill and any other school related income;
2. If a class is failed extended assistance is subject to review; and
3. Must maintain a 2.0 grade point average.

Client #GW7342 – Veteran was to call to let us know if she wanted to come to the commission meeting. Veteran did not call or come to the meeting.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

April's meeting: will be held on April 9 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Quijano. Seconded by O'Kane to adjourn the meeting.
VOTE YEA: O'Kane, Quijano and Lipovac

Alec Quijano, Chairperson