

The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held the regular monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on October 9, 2008 at 2309 Euclid Av, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lipovac, Quijano, O’Kane

County Attorney Dan Flaherty is present.

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

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Quijano to approve the minutes of September 11, 2008 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

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

On Veterans’ Day Iowa Workforce is doing their 2nd Annual Tribute to Veterans. Many companies will interview veterans that are there. Dave DeBolt and Rebecca Buch will be there from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fall School will be held from October 14-16, 2008. Commissioner’s Quijano and O’Kane will be attending along with veteran representatives Thomas Acton and Walter Gearino.

David DeBolt will have surgery this month. The date has not been set.

Mrs. Brownell has three cemetery plots at Merle Hay Cemetery. She would like to donate these plots to our office for veterans in need. Dan Flaherty will work on the documents needed to complete this transfer.

Client #VS4101 – Veteran states he has \$50 co-pays at the VA hospital at the eye clinic and owes approximately \$1,013.00 in co-pays. Veteran has the VA form for the Means Test but hasn’t completed it yet. Director will call veteran and let him know how to complete the Means Test forms and turn them in. Also to ask for a waiver for the co-pays that he owes.

Client #GY7484 - Iraq veteran is in school. Veteran is 70% service connected. Veteran is in treatment. His girlfriend is pregnant. We are unclear if the veteran and girlfriend are now married. Veteran states the child is his.

David DeBolt and Mindi O’Kane will visit the veteran. Director says veteran should receive 100% service connected once he is in the program. Commission voted to Assist with rent this month and revisit next month if veteran does not receive 100% service connected.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane and Quijano

Client #GZ2886 – Vietnam veteran has filed an Agent Orange claim. Veteran is sick and his wife stays home to take care of him. Veteran’s wife has a 401k that puts them over assets for

assistance in our office. After discussing this case there are more questions that need to be answered before we can assist. If these questions are answered to the Director's satisfaction, the commission will assist with rent.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O'Kane Quijano

November's meeting: will be held on November 13, 2008 at 3:00 p.m.

Moved by Quijano. Seconded by Lipovac to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O'Kane, Quijano

Alec Quijano, Chairperson