

The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held the regular monthly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on December 13, 2008 at 2309 Euclid Av, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Quijano, O’Kane, Lipovac

Moved by O’Kane, Seconded by Quijano 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 November 13, 2008 meeting as submitted.

VOTE YEA: O’Kane, Quijano, Lipovac

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

Commission discussed the need to update the food allowance guidelines to:

	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Single Person	\$ 70.00	\$280.00
Two Persons	\$105.00	\$423.00
Three Persons	\$140.00	\$563.00
Four Persons	\$172.00	\$688.00
Five Persons	\$199.00	\$798.00

Add \$76 per week for each additional child of the veteran not over eighteen years of age living in the home.

VOTE YEA: Lipovac, O’Kane, Quijano

We have had a representative from Iowa Workforce Development in our office to assist clients. Director is going to work with Iowa Workforce Development and our Information Technology (IT) to try and get approval for us to share computer files. Dan Flaherty approved our client application as authorization for our office to have access to this information.

Commission discussed Patrick Palmersheim’s letter dated December 9, 2008. This letter discussed the change to the Iowa Code effective July 1, 2009 which states each county Executive Director or Administrator must be certified by IDVA as accredited by the National Association of Veteran Service Officers. If our office is to take these additional duties another employee will need to be hired.

Client #GS6840 – Veteran is over income and one month behind in his rent. Veteran was working and able to make his debt until he was arrested and has been diagnosed with cancer. Veteran and wife are not living together. Veteran is sixty percent service connected and has applied to have his disability upgraded. Veteran needs \$600 to get his rent current. On December 18, 2008 veteran began vocational rehabilitation to be a nurse.

VOTE YEA: Quijano, O’Kane and Lipovac

Director presented a discharge from the Coast Guard to let commission know it was not honorable per the Department of Defense but may have been upgraded for VA purposes.

January's meeting: will be held on January 8, 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