



**Veterans' Relief Advisory Board
February 14th, 2019 Minutes**

Working to address the needs of local indigent veterans and their families.

Voting Board Members

<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Debra Baker , Vet At-Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert Baker , AmVets, VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Richard Best
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Larry Cunnington – AmVets 1111
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Robert “Joe” Dixson -At Large
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Simler
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Michael Ensor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trina Parrish -VFW 992
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Jack Preston – Amer.Leg. Post #32, AmVets 1111
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Don Schack –VFW/AmVet, American Legion
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ken Silver – AmVets 1111,
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Joseph Waiblinger – Combat Vet. International
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ron Weber – VFW 992, DAV

Non-Voting Standing Invitees

- Meghan DeBolt - DCH, Director
- Wendy Cheng– Helpline, Client Services/Veterans Program
- Justin Jording-Helpline Bookkeeper/Veterans Program
- Liz McDevitt – Helpline, Director

Guests: None

Welcome: Debbie Baker called the meeting to order at approximately 0930.

Approval of Minutes: Richard Best moved to accept minutes as written. Jack Preston seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Report – Helpline – Review of Veterans’ Relief Services and Financial Report, Wendy Cheng Presented on behalf of Helpline

See Helpline “Veteran’s Assistance Monthly Report” distributed for details.

- Helpline shared the details of the report for January 2019 services dollars provided to veterans.

Report – DCH - Veterans’ Relief Fund, Veterans’ Expenditures, Summary Statistics: See “Veteran’s Relief Fund Report” Meghan DeBolt

- Reviewed the revenue and expenditure for 2018 and January 2019.
- Move to Quarterly Financial Reports –
 - Larry Cunnington moved to have quarterly financial reports rather than monthly. Jack Preston seconded the motion.
 - Discussion:
 - Helpline will continue to report monthly on services
 - DCH will bring any ‘unexpected’ financial items to the Board as they arise.
 - Motion carried.



Old Business:

- VSO Committee: Did not meet due to illness; conversation around whether we need this committee or not, and if we want to pursue funding a VSO with VRF.
 - Larry Cunnington moved to suspend the committee and determine the VRF not be used to support a VSO in Walla Walla County. Ken Silver seconded.
 - Discussion: none
 - Motion carried.
- Budget and Bylaw Review Committee: will be meeting today at 10:30am, will update in March.

New Business:

- Presentation from Matt Weisman with the U.S. Forest Service regarding Veterans programs. For more information contact Matt at:

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- Review of Roster:
 - Four Advisory Board Members terms are to expire 2/16/19: Debbie Baker, Robert Baker, Ken Silver, and Don Shack
 - Historically, members had to reapply to the VRAB via formal application, review and approval by the VRAB, and appointment by the BOCC. Discussion to allow for reapplication via verbal notification to the Board at a meeting prior to the members term ending and reappointment made via majority vote.
 - Richard Best moved to allow reapplication for a consecutive term via verbal request to the VRAB and reappointment made via majority vote. Larry Cunnington seconded.
 - Discussion: none
 - Motion carried.
 - The VRAB received verbal requests from Debbie Baker, Ken Silver, and Robert Baker to serve a consecutive three-year term.
 - Richard Best moved to reappoint these members for a consecutive term. Ron Weber seconded.
 - Discussion: We did not receive a request from Don Shack, Trina will reach out to him to see if he would like to be appointed to the VRAB for a consecutive term.
 - Motion carried, with Debbie Baker, Ken Silver, and Robert Baker abstentions.
- Meeting location:
 - Kev Silver moved to move meetings back to the Vets Center, for various reasons. Richard Best seconded.
 - Discussion:
 - The reason we relocated is because the table at the Vet Center is too small to accommodate all VRAB members.



- Ken will talk to the Vets Center about a new table that the County has
 - Motion carried with 5 in favor, 2 opposed, and 5 abstentions.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30am.

NEXT MEETING:

March 14th, 2019 | Vet's Center, Walla Walla | 9:30-10:30 A.M.