

ODVS Advisory Committee
Thursday, November 18th, 2017

Vice Chairman Ted Bruner convened the meeting at 10:30 AM at the American Legion Post 171, 393 E. College Avenue, Westerville, Ohio. The meeting opened with a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes from October 26, 2017

Guest Introductions

Guests:

Doug Beckley, Buckeye Chapter PVA

Ian Haynes, The Mission Continues

DonMcCauley, AMVETS

Lucas Denney, ODVS

Committee Members:

Director Tansill, ODVS

Assistant Director Mark Cappone, ODVS

Joe Eden, ODVS

Sean McCarthy, ODVS

Suzette Heller, American Legion

Tammy Puff, Attorney General

Claudia Foss, Advisory Committee on Women Veterans

Ted Mosure, Catholic War Veterans

Paul Haller, County Commissioners Association of Ohio

Mike Stith, Disabled American Veterans

Saul Lamb, Jewish War Veterans

Kelvin Jones, Labor

Don Perry, Marine Corps League

John McCoy, Military Officers Association of America

Cliff Riley, Vietnam Veterans of America

Ted Bruner, Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners

Ron Distel, Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners

Ed Zackery, Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Jon Warmeling, Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Matthew Raymond, Ohio State Association of County Veterans Service Officers

Absent:

Don Youngblood, Army Navy Union

Victor Wilson, AMVETS

Ed Zoretic, Korean War Veterans

Carl Price, Military Order of the Purple Heart

Joy Ella Bourassa, Ohio National Guard Association

LeRoy Clendenen, Veterans of Foreign Wars

Ashley Webb, Ohio State Association of Veterans Service Commissioners

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Vice Chairman Ted Bruner began the meeting with a discussion to decide when the next Advisory Committee meeting shall take place. Topics of discussion included safety concerns for member traveling long distances during winter months and having the Advisory Committee meeting take place at the Ohio Veterans Homes and at the National Veterans Memorial & Museum sometime next year.

Jon Warmeling made a motion to set the next Advisory Committee meeting to the third Thursday in February of 2018 with the location remaining the same. Ted Mosure seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a majority vote.

Mike Stith made a motion to have the location of the Advisory Committee meeting in either April or May to be held at the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown and to also have the Advisory Committee meeting in either August or September to be held at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky. Suzette Heller seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a majority vote.

Mike Stith made a motion to have the location of the Advisory Committee meeting at the National Veterans Memorial & Museum within close proximity to the grand opening in the summer of 2018. Paul Haller seconded the motion. The motion was passed with a majority vote.

Paul Haller gave a presentation on the annual Buckeye Hero Hunt which took place October 13-15 at Zaleski State Forest. The Buckeye Hero Hunt is a non-profit organization that provides a hunting experience for Ohio residents who carry a 100-percent disability rating from the U.S. Department of Affairs. Paul's briefing included a PowerPoint presentation and a short video clip.

John McCoy provided background information and status of current legislation in Ohio's 132nd General Assembly that would affect Ohio's veteran community which included HB158 and HB351. John McCoy made a motion for the Veterans Advisory Committee to inform the Director of the Ohio Department of Veterans Services, the Ohio Governor, and the Ohio General Assembly and that the Veterans Advisory Committee supports HB351. Mike Stith seconded the motion. The motion failed to pass through a majority roll-call vote.

Vice Chairman Ted Bruner opened up discussion on HB 192. Ed Zachery and Ron Distel voiced concerns with the bill.

Suzette Heller made a motion for the Veterans Advisory Committee to stand in opposition to HB 192. Jon Warmeling seconded the motion. The motion was passed through a majority roll-call vote.

Suzette Heller provided a brief update on recent changes to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Compensation Claim Submission policy. Specifically, the recently launched Rapid Appeals Modernization Program (RAMP) along with the benefits and consequences of the new program.

Director Tansill provided closing remarks which included the recent Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame induction ceremony and recent change in where veteran service organization funding will be disbursed from.

Jon Warmeling made a motion to adjourn. Suzette Heller seconded the motion. The Advisory Committee adjourned at 11:55 a.m.