

Veterans Commission Mtg minutes

08/22/2023

4:00pm 970 Court Ave ICCVA Office downstairs in Court House

Called to order at : 4:03pm

Motioned for Adjournment: 4:42pm

Members Present: Patty Heitshusen

Guest: Phone Conference: Kayne Robinson, and Mike Waughop

Open Forum: (Guests welcome). No members of the public present

New Business:

End of Aug/September 2023 Schedule: The following dates the office will be closed or office hours modified.

Thursday Sept 7th, 2023 there is a Veteran Affairs (VA) outreach in Linn Co, surrounding counties have been invited to attend.

The Mental Health Summit is being held on September 22nd at the Iowa City Armory beginning at 8:30am.

Fall School Update: I have printed up the agendas for your review to see if anyone would like to attend the upcoming fall school.

Picture Donation: The picture that was donated is that of the WWII memorial. Again, the family would like to have it displayed in the court house. If approved by both the commission and Board of Supervisors, I will work with the maintenance department to find a good location.

The commission approved the motion to display the picture, Jon Degen was notified for communication purposes to have the Board of Supervisors formally approve the picture display.

Iowa County Veteran of the Year: The editorial for applying will be in the paper within the next week or two.

Coffee & Camaraderie Schedule: 9:00am-10:30am

Sept 14th, 2023: DK Eatery

October 19th, 2023: Brickhouse Coffee Williamsburg

November 9th 2023: DK Eatery

December 14th, 2023 Brickhouse Coffee, Williamsburg

Misc:

Old Business:

Office Statistics for July 22, 2023-Aug 22, 2023

65 claims generated in the past 30 days

42 of which are brand new claims to the office.

23 are new claims for veterans who have already submitted claims.

Currently 287 office contacts (This includes phone calls, walk in and scheduled appointments) this does not include email traffic.

(14 work days with vacation and court house closure) Approximately 20.5 contacts per day.

Closed Session if needed: 2 applications were received for review.

ER08222023: Patty motioned for approval to assist veteran with 214.85 for veterans water bill. Seconded by Mike. All in favor.

BH08222023: Patty motioned for approval to assist veteran with 278.00 for veterans utility bill. Seconded by Mike. All in favor.