



## Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on April 9, 2015 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tim Krum, Mike Scione

Commissioner Oliver present via teleconference

County Attorney Dan Flaherty Present

Moved by Krum, Seconded by Oliver to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015 meeting as submitted.  
VOTE YEA: Krum, Oliver, Scione

Moved by Krum, Seconded by Oliver to approve the claims of March 12, 2015 meeting as submitted.  
VOTE YEA: Krum, Oliver, Scione

Incarcerated Veterans Program Discussion

Rebecca spoke to the commission in regards to the demands of daily operations in order to maintain the incarcerated veterans program, Commissioner Tim Krum stated Justice Outreach Coordinator Jen Minor is missing those released during pretrial which is the purpose of our Incarcerated Veterans Program. Rebecca will have County Veterans Service Officers trained in the ILEADS program and have a County Veterans Service Officer at the Polk County Jail on a daily basis.

County Veterans Service Officer Michael Mortensen reported on the incarcerated veterans program statistics. Michael stated from March 12, 2015 to April 9, 2015 forty three incarcerated veterans were seen at the Polk County Jail. Thirty of those veterans have never been seen at Polk County Veteran Affairs. Five of the thirty new veterans have now been seen in our office and have been financially assisted.

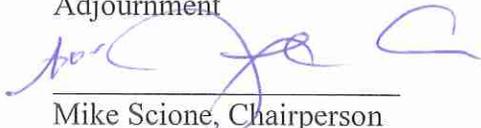
Administrator's Report:

Rebecca began by updating the commission on the purchase of a new federal claims software program. VetraSpec will now be our main system to assist in filing for federal benefits. CVSO's all have access to this program and future outlook is to file them all electronically.

Rebecca informed the commission of several upcoming events our office will be attending. The Vietnam Veterans Ceremony at the Iowa State Capitol will be Thursday May 7, 2015. County Veterans Service Officers Michael Mortensen and Connie Woodward will be attending the Annual Senior Picnic on May 13, 2015 at the Iowa State Fairgrounds. The Homeless Veterans Outreach Center will be having a VA Summit Resource Fair at Polk County River Place conference room 1 on May 14, 2015; many veterans' services will be readily available with multiple booths to assist in all aspects of veterans benefits. Rebecca will be attending a Department Head quarterly meeting on May 20, 2015. The homeless veterans Stand Down committee will be having a pancake breakfast on May 30, 2015 at the AmVets on sixth avenue; all proceeds will be donated to the Stand Down.

May's meeting: will be held on May 14, 2015 at 1400 hrs.

Adjournment

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Mike Scione, Chairperson

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Divco", written below a horizontal line.