Veteran Affairs

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The Polk County Veteran Affairs Commission held a regular monthly meeting at 1400 hrs on June 16, 2016 at 2309 Euclid Ave, Des Moines, Iowa.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mike Scione, Tim Krum, Vikki Palmer

Administrator Rebecca Buch Present

County Attorney Dan Flaherty Absent

Moved by Scione, Seconded by Palmer to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016 meeting as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Scione, Palmer

Claims Discussion:

Rebecca reported federal claims filed have continually increased, awarded veterans and their families are not in need of financial assistance. Federal claims system VetraSpec has the capability to track revenue awarded.

Moved by Scione, Seconded by Palmer to approve the claims as submitted.
VOTE YEA: Krum, Scione, Palmer

Administrator's Report:

Rebecca reported Veteran Representative Blaine Hudnall attended Operation Engage America on June 11th at Camp Dodge. Nationally accredited Veteran Service Officers Rebecca Buch, Connie Woodward-Schuttler, Nick Lemmo and Michael Mortensen attended CEU training in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina May 14-21, 2016. Assistant Administrator Nick Lemmo was honored for his service in Vietnam while in attendance of the National conference by Deputy Secretary Sloan D. Gibson. Rebecca, Connie and Michael will attend the 132nd wing muster on June 24, 2016 filing intents. The fourth district annual meeting will be held July 14, 2016 Rebecca encourages the commission attend.

June 15, 2016 an apartment fire at the Elliott, downtown Des Moines, displaced many veterans. Rebecca and Michael will attend a meeting with Risk Management this afternoon. Commission agreed to assist with temporary housing for the displaced veterans.

Michael reported a 7.4% decrease in incarcerated veterans last month.

July's meeting: will be held on July 14, 2016 at 1400 hrs.

Adjournment

Tim Krum, Chairperson