

KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
February 15, 2018 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)
Location – National Archives and Records Administration
400 West Pershing Road
Kansas City, Missouri 64108

| ITEM | <u>DISCUSSION</u> | <u>ACTION/ASSIGNMENT/POC</u> If/As Applicable |
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| Opening / Introductions | | Greg Giese |
| Attendees | <p><u>In person</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg Giese 2. Alan Edmonds 3. Duane Rider 4. Chip Hill 5. Larry Hisle 6. Karen Hutchinson <p><u>Via teleconference</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monique Coger 2. Michael Ciliège 3. Lorelei Schieferdecker 4. Vanessa Thomson 5. Dave Stepp | N/A |
| OLD BUSINESS | | |
| 1. Minutes | The Minutes of the 1/18/18 meeting were approved. Name corrections and other minor changes can still be emailed to Greg. | Greg Giese |
| 2. Veteran's Community Project (VCP) | VCP needed to do extensive plumbing and electrical groundwork before the "tiny homes" for homeless veterans can be built. Now the area is prepped for construction. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Jan 29. A campaign is ongoing to buy furnishings. The progress can be followed on their Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/veteranscommunityproject/ | Greg Giese http://veteranscommunityproject.org/ |
| 3. Program Coordinator Nominations | <p>The VA Committee has three open program coordinator positions: The Women Veterans, Education Benefits, and Guest Speaker positions. Please send nominations to Greg by March 1.</p> <p>Greg has received two nominations that are interested in the Women Veterans position: Monique from USPS and Jonni Christian from the FAA. Greg suggested having a program coordinator and a co-program coordinator position, since both people are fairly new, it would be helpful to have a dual effort. Monique agreed to the suggestion, but would like some explanation on exactly what the position requires. Vanessa stated that with the program coordinator positions, it is difficult to know what is expected if there are no guidelines, and a small explanation of each position (and even program i.e. Stand Down) would be helpful to have as a fact sheet for what we do and who we do it for.</p> | Greg Giese |

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| | <p>James White, the Guest Speaker Program Coordinator, has had to take a leave of absence and can't be on the committee anymore. The Committee discussed the high value of having guest speakers, but perhaps having someone to volunteer to find a speaker on a quarterly basis would be best. Perhaps someone could find a historian or veteran to speak for us in May (month Memorial Day is in).</p> <p>Michael Ciliege compiles a list of discounts and events. Greg suggested having a person to maintain a list of benefits, like admission to state parks, fishing licenses, or certified and refutable tuition discounts. Even a POC for legislation would be helpful. Greg plans to talk to Larry about how to go about it.</p> | |
| 4. Heart of America Stand Down | The FEB VA Committee has decided it would like to be a part of the Stand Down scheduled to be held on Jun 8, 2018, providing volunteers and donations, and possible help to set up on Jun 7, 2018 in lieu of a June VA Committee meeting. Dennis said the foundation hasn't established what they need yet for the next Stand Down, but as soon as he knows, he'll notify the VA Committee and Karen Gettinger. | Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 dennis@kcstanddown.org |
| 5. Website update | Currently, the FEB VAC webpage is not up to date. Current officers and program coordinators were asked to provide contact information to Greg, even if the information has not changed. | Greg Giese https://kansascity.feb.gov/committees/vet/ |
| 6. Point in Time Event | Point in Time homeless count event (http://www.hscgkc.org/index.html) took place from January 24-25, 2018. Greg will get with Sondra to get the statistics. | |
| PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS | | |
| a. Discounts & Events | No Update. | Michael Ciliege |
| b. Education Benefits | No Update. | Vanessa Thomson/vacant |

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| c. Stand Down - http://kcstanddown.org/ | See information above in Old Business section. | Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 dennis@kcstanddown.org |
| d. Women Veterans | | Position vacant |
| Open Discussion | | |
| Job Fairs | <p>A KANSASWORKS Statewide Job Fair will be on Mar 8 from 2:00-6:00pm. The Job Fair will provide employers the unique opportunity to meet face-to-face with highly-qualified veterans and job seekers. This event will take place in 12 different locations throughout the state, allowing employers and job seekers to choose the most convenient site.</p> <p>The KC Veteran’s Job Fair will be at Arrowhead Stadium on Mar 22 from 11:00am-3:00pm.</p> <p>The Get Hired Kansas City – Career Fair will be on Apr 25 from 9:00am-1:00pm at the Kansas City Kansas Community College - Fieldhouse.</p> | |
| Upcoming meeting | May 17 meeting VA Committee meeting – possibly meeting at the Veteran’s Community Project and get your free bus pass. | |
| NEXT MEETINGS: | <p>March 15th, 2018 at 1:30 pm. National Archives and Records Administration Facility: Open to the public.</p> <p>April 19th, 2018 at 1:30 pm. National Archives and Records Administration Facility: Open to the public.</p> | |

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Upcoming dates from prior meeting minute updates and emails:

- Thu, Mar 1 “Secrets for a Successful Transition to Civilian Employment – Key Information for Your Financial Security Now and in the Future” webcast from 2:00-3:30pm EST from the DOL.
<http://mp163422.cdn.mediaplatform.com/163422/wc/mp/4000/15208/30195/98646/Lobby/default.htm?ref=ProductionTeamEmail>
- Sun, Mar 4 Military Caregiver Focus Group from 1:00-3:00pm at the Woodneath Library, 8900 N Flinlock Road, Kansas City, MO (POC Shawn Moore)
- Thu, Mar 8 KANSASWORKS Statewide Job Fair from 2:00-6:00pm. <http://www.kansascommerce.gov/891/KANSASWORKS-Statewide-Job-Fair>
- Sat, Mar 17 “The Power in Your Story” workshop for military, veteran, and first responder caregivers at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church from 5:30-8:30pm.
<https://caregivers-homefrontorg.presencehost.net/news-events/storytelling-workshop-registration-form.html>
- Thu, Mar 22 KC Veteran’s Job Fair at Arrowhead Stadium from 11am-3pm
<https://events.recruitmilitary.com/events/kansas-city-veterans-job-fair-march-22-2018>
- Mar 24-25 Veteran Retreat with Precious Blood Renewal Center. <http://www.pbrenewalcenter.org/images/Client-Provided/veteran-retreat-2018.png>
- Wed, Apr 25 Get Hired Kansas City – Career Fair from 9:00am-1:00pm held at the Kansas City Kansas Community College - Fieldhouse.
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/get-hired-kansas-city-career-fair-tickets-37244788164>
- Sat, Apr 28 St. James Parish Military-Veteran Ministry & Fr. Vincent Capodanno, Memorial Catholic War Veterans Post 1974 sponsoring a “Veteran’s Salute-Fair” April 28, 2018 from 9:30am -2:30pm; Location: 309 S. Stewart Rd. Liberty, MO. Contact: Ann Marie Roberts at 816-469-0271.
<http://www.stjames-liberty.org/stjames2/ministries/groups/military-outreach-ministry/>
- May VA2K event
<https://www.publichealth.va.gov/va2k/>
- Sun, May 20 3rd Annual Vet 2 Vet event from 10:00am – 2:00pm at the St. Joseph Civic Arena.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1264386303642681/>
- Fri, Jun 8 The Heart of America Stand Down
<http://kcstanddown.org/>