

KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2017 – 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
Opening / Introductions		Greg Giese
Attendees	<p><u>In person</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Greg Giese 2. Vanessa Thomson 3. Dennis Johnson 4. Dwayne Rider 5. Karen Hutchinson 6. Melissa Brown <p><u>Via teleconference</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gerald Beechum 2. Gary Pixler 	N/A
OLD BUSINESS		
1. Minutes	<p>The Minutes of the 7/20/17 meeting were accepted as written.</p> <p>Committee members were asked to verify attendance from August meeting minutes that were emailed and submit any changes to Greg by October 2nd. Before the next meeting, Greg will forward a calendar of events which include items discussed during the meetings or emailed throughout the month, and the August meeting minutes will be approved online.</p>	Greg Giese
1. Reduction of the number of Program Coordinators.	<p>A motion was passed and accepted to remove the following Program Coordinators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Health Insurance ACA – Lorelei Schieferdecker 2. Kansas City Veteran Career and Resource Fair – Chip Hillesheim 3. Veterans History Project - Dennis Branson 4. Crisis & Homeless – Sondra Robinson (continue to provide Ad Hoc reports) 	<p>Greg Giese</p> <p>In the future, the Committee will identify Coordinators to remove or replace.</p>
NEW BUSINESS		
1. FEB VA Committee Meetings	<p>Based on the suggestion to have the FEB VA Committee members participate in a service project event in lieu of a monthly meeting, Greg sent an email on September 18th requesting that people notify him if they would be able to do that. He received about eight responses saying people can come, but believes more would commit if they were notified of a concrete date/time.</p>	Greg Giese

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	<p>The Committee discussed helping in the morning on Thursday, Nov 2 to assist with set up of Stand Down. Dennis said he has a volunteer coordinating meeting on Monday, Sep 25th and will get more details on when help will be needed.</p> <p>Greg explained that he would not suggest changing the day/time of the typical meetings (3rd Thursday of every month at 1:30pm) unless we commit to serving in a project. He suggested possibly meeting at various agencies to get more involvement, and even have a committee tour if a meeting is held at the FAA. Karen mentioned the capability to have a Webex. Dwayne suggested the Committee members might get more involved if a meeting was held at that particular person's agency, if they couldn't make it to the NARA otherwise.</p>	
PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS		
a. Crisis & Homeless	Not Present.	Sondra Robinson/ Fanny Woods
b. Committee Liaison	Not Present.	Jennifer King
c. Community Outreach http://veteranscommunityproject.org/	Not Present.	Donna Mayfield
d. Discounts & Events	Not Present. Greg suggested Michael put together a list of discounts closer to Veteran's day.	Michael Ciliege
e. Education Benefits	No Update.	Vanessa Thomson
f. Guest Speakers	Not Present.	James White

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g. Health Insurance ACA	Not Present.	Lorelei Schieferdecker
h. Stand Down - http://kcstanddown.org/	<p>The Heart of America Stand Down Foundation hosts two Stand Downs, annually, serving veterans in the Kansas City metropolitan area. The foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, is run entirely by dedicated volunteers with 100% of proceeds going toward providing support to veterans. During Stand Down veterans are provided with clothing, food, mobility escorts, barbers/beauticians, and security from more than 100 organizations.</p> <p>The most recent Stand Down was held on 6/2/17 in Missouri and the next will be in Kansas on 11/3/17. Dennis has been in touch with Aarikca to talk about Stand Down at our meeting, even if over the phone.</p>	Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 dennis@kcstanddown.org https://www.va.gov/homeless/events.asp
i. Veterans History Project	No Update.	Dennis Branson
j. Women Veterans	Not Present.	Mackenzie Smith
Open Discussion		
Melissa Brown	Melissa said she has accepted a full time residence and this will be her last FEB meeting. The Salvation Army will get a different representative as soon as possible.	
Karen Hutchinson	Karen said the integrated website for OneSource is continuing. Please contact her if you have questions on access.	karenhutchinson@militaryonesource.com
NEXT MEETINGS:	The Committee normally meets the third Thursday of every month, so the next meeting would be October 19 th , 1:30pm. However, the facility has not been reserved yet, so the next meeting is still to be determined.	

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Upcoming dates from prior meeting minute updates and emails:

Wed, Sep 27	KCVA Veterans Town Hall from 6-7pm at the Johnson County Central Resource Library at 9875 W 87 th St, Overland Park, KS 66212
Thu, Sep 28	KCAUSA “Meet Your Army” event from 5:30-7:30pm
Wed, Oct 4	Webinar through the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research
Wed, Oct 4	Military Hiring Fair Career Event from 10:30am-1:30pm at the Missouri National Guard Armory at 7600 Ozark Road, Kansas City, MO 64129
Thu, Nov 2	Setup for The Heart of America Stand Down
Fri, Nov 3	The Heart of America Stand Down from 7am-2pm at Memorial Hall at 600 N 7 th Street, Kansas City, KS 66101
Sat, Nov 4	Photography exhibit sharing stories of the triumphs of veterans after war will be held at 2014 Broadway, Kansas City, MO from 6-9pm
Thu, Nov 9	Sprint’s Annual Veteran’s day Celebration to be held at the Overland Park campus
Sat, Nov 11	A benefit gala for Veteran’s Village – a tiny house community for homeless veterans
Tue, Nov 14	Veteran’s Summit at the Penn Valley campus at the Metropolitan Community College with a kickoff at 7:30am
January	Point in Time event
Thu, Mar 22	KC Veteran’s Job Fair at Arrowhead Stadium from 11am-3pm
May	VA2K event