



## KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2018 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)

Location – St. Michael’s Veterans Center

3838 Chelsea Drive

Kansas City, Missouri 64128

ITEM	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION/ASSIGNMENT/POC</u> If/As Applicable
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>		
1. Future Meetings	<p>Greg would like to rotate the location of the monthly FEB VA Committee meeting to various locations and agencies. He mentioned that in previous months, the committee has met at the Veterans Community Project site, Stand Down, and other agencies.</p> <p>Michael Ciliege offered to look into hosting the October or November meeting at the USDA at 6501 Beacon Drive. Employment council might host in November. We may not have a meeting in December because the third Thursday is too close to the holidays. January's meeting will be to brainstorm on ideas of how we can help the community in other ways.</p> <p>The committee plans to volunteer again for Stand Down, but will wait until the spring event since they seem to have an abundance of student volunteers in the fall.</p>	Greg Giese
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>		
1. Guest speakers	<p>Greg said speakers draw people to attend the VA Committee meetings. Typically, if an agency hosts a meeting, they could speak. He mentioned possibly getting an update on St. Michael's next month at the employment council. During October's meeting, Military Matters will be the guest speaker.</p> <p>Greg is coordinating the guest speakers as now, but would like a POC to take charge.</p>	Greg Giese
<b>PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS</b>		
a. Discounts & Events	<p>Vanessa mentioned a discount she could personally vouch for, which is VetTix. After verifying veteran status through IdME, <a href="https://www.vettix.org/ref/541592">https://www.vettix.org/ref/541592</a> offers thousands of tickets per year to veterans to attend concerts, sporting events, performing arts and more throughout the USA with their families.</p>	Michael Ciliege

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b. Veteran Benefits	Alan will have more updates during the next meeting.	Alan Edmonds/vacant
c. Stand Down - <a href="http://kcstanddown.org/">http://kcstanddown.org/</a>	Dennis said the service provider with the Catholic charities that support Stand Down is in a transition right now.	Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 <a href="mailto:dennis@kcstanddown.org">dennis@kcstanddown.org</a>
d. Women Veterans	Jonni said since Monique is not in the area anymore, she is looking for a co-coordinator. The VA sends Women’s health notices periodically ( <a href="https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/women_veterans.asp">https://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/apply/women_veterans.asp</a> ).	Jonni Christian/vacant
<b>Open Discussion</b>		
Greg Giese	Greg said he reached out to Larry Hisle to update the website, but hasn’t been completed yet.	
Karen Hutchinson	Karen said Military One Source eligibility is being expanded from 180 days past end of service to 365 days after their retirement date, end of tour date, or discharge date. The news release can be found at: <a href="https://dod.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1600957/military-onesource-is-now-available-to-veterans-and-their-families-for-a-full-y/">https://dod.defense.gov/News/News-Releases/News-Release-View/Article/1600957/military-onesource-is-now-available-to-veterans-and-their-families-for-a-full-y/</a>	
Michael Ciliege	Michael said the 2018 Farmer Veteran Stakeholders Conference will be held in Kansas City from Nov 15-17. <a href="https://www.farmvetco.org/kansascity/">https://www.farmvetco.org/kansascity/</a>	
ESGR	The ESGR is being more proactive with deployed units. They have started virtual job fairs. Due to the high ops tempo, more last minute training, employer issues, and the Guard/Reserve being deployed more, the role of the ESGR has been changing during the past 18 months.	
Show Me Heroes	Harry Gray spoke about the Show Me Heroes program. Show Me Heroes is a cooperative effort between the Missouri National Guard and the Missouri Division of Workforce Development. This program provides incentives and recognition to employers who hire Veterans. The on-the-job training provides cost savings to employers by reimbursing 50% of the wages of workers hired through this program for up to 1,040 hours of OJT. Veterans and spouses can participate if	

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	<p>services members were honorably discharged and within one year of their discharge date, or spouses of currently deployed, however, Harry said the eligibility stretches to 5 years starting in August. He said the program is part of the Workforce Opportunity Act, provides for 6-12 weeks of programs, and encourages companies to create jobs.</p> <p><a href="https://jobs.mo.gov/sites/jobs/files/show_me_heroes_ojt_flyer_0.pdf">https://jobs.mo.gov/sites/jobs/files/show_me_heroes_ojt_flyer_0.pdf</a></p>	
<b>NEXT MEETINGS:</b>	<p><b>Oct 18th, 2018 at 1:30 pm.</b> Location TBD. Speaker: Military Matters</p> <p><b>Nov 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:30pm.</b> Location TBD.</p>	

**Upcoming dates from prior meeting minute updates and emails:**

Mon, Nov 12 Veteran’s Day (observed)

Wed, Nov 14 Celebration of Heroes event on Wed, Nov 14 at 5:00pm at the National WWI Museum. (<https://www.smvets.org/celebration.html>).

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