

**KC-FEB Veterans Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**October 17, 2019 – 1:30 PM (Thursday)**  
**Location – Teleconference**

ITEM	<u>DISCUSSION</u>	<u>ACTION/ASSIGNMENT/POC</u> If/As Applicable
Opening / Introductions		Greg Giese
Attendees	<u>Via teleconference</u> 1. Greg Giese 2. Larry Hisle 3. Jeff Winters 4. Karen Hutchinson 5. Vanessa Thomson	N/A
<b>OLD/NEW BUSINESS</b>		
1. Meetings	<p>Greg apologized for cancelling the September meeting at the last minute. He almost forgot about today's meeting, but was able to coordinate a conference call.</p> <p>The FEB VA Committee is looking for a host for the November meeting to be held on Nov 21.</p> <p>We will most likely not meet in December due to many people being out of town.</p>	
2. Guest Speakers Needed	We do not have any guest speakers lined up. Jonni Christian had discussed having the Women's Veteran's coordinator from Eastern Kansas coming to speak who had to cancel for August's meeting, so maybe we can get her rescheduled.	
3. Vacant Program Coordinator Positions	Guest Speaker and Women Veterans are two vacancies we have in Program Coordinator Positions. A Vice Chair is another vacant position, and Larry Hisle is looking to get that filled. Normally, the Vice can conduct meetings if the President is unavailable and represent the FEB in other capacities.	
<b>PROGRAM COORDINATOR REPORTS</b>		
a. Discounts & Events	Not present. Greg will reach out to him to see if he can get the Excel spreadsheet updated soon.	Michael Ciliege

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b. Veteran Benefits	No update.	Jeff Winters/Alan Edmonds
c. Stand Down - <a href="http://kcstanddown.org/">http://kcstanddown.org/</a>	The fall Stand Down will be Friday, Nov 8 at Memorial Hall in Kansas City, KS from 0700-1330. On Sep 16, Greg forwarded a flyer containing more information.  We will probably not support the fall event as a group, but members are welcome to volunteer on their own.	Dennis Johnson (Providers) (816) 510-9802 <a href="mailto:DKJ@POBox.com">DKJ@POBox.com</a>
d. Women Veterans	Not present.	Jonni Christian/vacant
e. Guest Speaker	Vacant.	
<b>Open Discussion</b>		
Greg Giese - minutes	All prior meeting minutes have been posted on the website.	<a href="https://kansascity.feb.gov/committees/vet/">https://kansascity.feb.gov/committees/vet/</a>
Greg Giese	Greg said they will be getting a new director soon that will take the place of Mary Alonzo.	
Greg Giese	David Pixler will no longer be on the VA Committee, and he has been a member as long as Greg has, for about 7-8 years, and will be missed.	
Larry Hisle – membership on FEB	Larry said the requests have gone out to all agencies with the annual call to begin or continue to serve on the various KC FEB Committees. Some agencies, such as the USDA, had a major reorganization so it is difficult to get the information out to everyone. New members should join the committee in the next month or two.	
Karen Hutchinson	Karen said the joint service support site is now gone because a new category has been specifically designed for the Guard/Reserve and will be added to Military OneSource by the end of the year. She said the yellow ribbon and strong bonds events still exist, but are not linked the same as before, so stay tuned for current Guard/Reserve looking for joint service support.	
<b>NEXT MEETINGS:</b>	<b>Nov 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019 at 1:30pm.</b> Location TBD.	

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

- Oct 19, 0800-1400      Vet to Vet event in St. Joseph at the Civic Arena, 100 N Fourth Street, St Joseph, MO 64501
- Nov 8, 0700-1330      StandDown for Homeless Veterans, Memorial Hall, 600 N 7<sup>th</sup> Street Trfy, Kansas City, KS 66101
- Nov 8, 0900-1500      Veteran's Summit, *"For Those Who Served"*, Metropolitan Community College, 3201 SW Trafficway, Kansas City, MO  
<https://mccckc.edu/do-business-with-mcc/events/veterans-summit/>