

Coalition of Veterans Organizations
Meeting Minutes of 18JUL2015

Meeting Called to Order at 1020. Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison. Moment of Silence.

Introductions

Guests - Ms. Darienne Parkham of the Veterans Economic Communities Initiative (VECI) which aims to increase the number of education and employment opportunities for veterans and their families through a network of support at the community level.

Larry Nazimek motioned to approve the CVO Agenda; Motion 2nd by Dr. Bruce Parry. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Nazimek motioned to delay the reading of the CVO Meeting Minutes of 20JUN2015 due to the absence of Dr. Constance Edwards, Recording Secretary; Motion 2nd by Dr. Bruce Parry. Motion carried unanimously.

Executive Committee Reports:

Dr. Stacy L. Henderson - CVO Chair:

Thanks CVO Members for their continued membership/support of CVO

Asked that CVO Members continue to support other veterans and community outreach initiatives and functions, and share CVO Handbooks/brochures

Familiarize yourselves with CVO's Mission and be ready/willing/able to engage others in dialogue about CVO

Thanks CVO members who supported/attended the Chicago Stand Down 27JUN2015 at General Jones Armory; assisted Remaking the World (RTW) with the homeless veterans rehab project in partnership with Sears. Reminded meeting attendees of upcoming events (see Announcements/Reminders)

Abundio Zaragoza - CVO Co-Chair:

VAC Superintendent, provided information on VAC initiatives and programs. Notes that if anyone needs assistance to let him know immediately.

He attended the AMVETS State Convention (500+ attendees)

VAC Meeting and Elections were held on 30JUN2015; he was re-elected for another 4-year term

Tri-County Veterans Job fair 30OCT2015 - location TBD (more details to follow)

Suggests CVO adopts/partners with a local High School to help Mentor the students.
VAC provided 4 Service Recognition Awards to graduating High School Seniors enrolled in JROTC Programs

Darryl Howard - Veterans Against Violence (VAV)

VAV starts up again in September; the team has already been established. CVO support is requested.

Larry Nazimek - NTR

Treasury Report - Dr. Bruce Parry:

Current financial Report provided. Motion to accept report, pending audit, made by Larry Nazimek; Motion 2nd by Darryl Howard. Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements/Reminders:

One Savvy Veteran Tea Party, Saturday July 18, 2015 12pm-3pm; JBVA 2nd Floor Conference Room (Damen Pavilion); Tickets are \$10, see MeoSha Thomas for purchase

MPMA Chicago Chapter #2 'Mardi Gras In The Windy City' Scholarship Fundraiser; 18JUL2015
7011 S. Vincennes Avenue Chicago, IL. Tickets are \$25, see Dr. Henderson for purchase

IL Army National Guard Family Day, Sunday 19JUL2015, General Jones Armory (A. Zaragoza will attend)

NWVU Women Veterans Community Center Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, Saturday 25JUL2015 at 12pm, 7907-11 S. Racine (at 79th Street)

Montford Point Marine Association, Inc. 50th Annual National Convention, Mobile, AL
12-16AUG2015 (Dr. Henderson will attend)

IL State Fair will honor veterans on Saturday 16AUG2015

*Note - The Chair requests that CVO Members bring recommendations to the NEXT meeting for community outreach, youth mentoring and fundraising initiatives

Larry Nazimek motioned to adjourn the CVO Meeting. Motion 2nd by Dr. Bruce Parry. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1110. Next CVO Meeting will be held on Saturday 8AUG015, 10am, location TBD

Minutes taken/submitted by Dr. Stacy L. Henderson, Chair - CVO