

Coalition of Veterans Organizations (CVO)
Minutes of February 20, 2019

1 Call to order: The meeting was called to order by W Mack, Chair, at 7:15 PM at Jesse Brown VA Hospital, Chicago, IL.

- A. Pledge of allegiance recited.
- B. Moment of Silence.
- C. Mission of CVO: The Coalition of Veterans Organizations is a group of individuals and member organizations whose purpose is to educate and advocate for veterans and the public on issues that impact veterans and their families.

2 Approval of Agenda: Motion- Nazimek/O'Connor. Unanimous approval.

3 Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion-Parry/Nazimek. Unanimous approval.

4 Approval of Financial Report from Treasurer Parry: Motion- Nazimek/Gamblin. Unanimous approval.

5 Roll Call/Introductions of those present: W Mack, L Nazimek, B Parry, F O'Connor , R Hopkins, S Porter, Gamblin. *(please add other attendees)*

6 CVO Committee Reports:

A Executive Committee – W Mack reported on Stakeholders Meeting at JBVA with Director and staff. Mack was in contact with Congressman Rush representative James Tee. Mack requested advance printed agenda items for veterans at meeting.
Parry: he will provide name of homeless vet to M Wallace/Homelessness Committee and also to JBVA AOD tonight after meeting.
O'Connor: reported on status of Chicago veterans' home opening on Veterans Day 2019. Acceptance of veteran applications in December 2019.
Outreach: Poor Peoples Campaign in 2018. Parry discussed 2019 event/fundraiser; Gamblin volunteered to assist with this.

B Veterans Affairs Committee: L Nazimek reported Dental Bill in Congress needs more cosponsors as only 28 at this time.

C Awards Committee: - Recommendation of W Mack and M Weiman. Motions: Parry/Nazimek. Unanimous on both. Awardee submissions for both vets will be presented to VAC- CC. W Mack will present CVO check (\$180) for 6 seats at Awards luncheon on March 16 at next VAC- CC meeting. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

D Membership Committee: New member- American Legion Harold Washington Post. Gamblin will assist Parry with committee tasks.

7 Old Business:

A Accelerator Intern Program (University of Chicago) – no report on banner nor office at this time.

8 New Business:

A Scholarship donation to Blue Star Platoon/dues waived.

B R Hopkins requested that CVO join Blue Star Mothers of America as Associate Member/no fee. O'Connor suggested that CVO invite this group to our meeting. Hopkins will be liaison with group.

Motion: Hopkins/Parry. Unanimous.

C L Nazimek: requested that Wolves Logos be placed on CVO website as this organization has been quite an outreach to veterans. Motion: Nazimek/Hopkins. Unanimous.

9 Presentation: Stanley Porter, Marine, WW2, Montford Pointe Marine Association, discussed African American segregation issues in military. Porter was videotaped by CVO.

10 Adjournment: Motion Nazimek/O'Connor at 8:30 PM.

11 Next meeting: Third Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM at JBVA.

Respectfully submitted,
Francine L. O'Connor