

Coalition of Veterans Organizations

Minutes of the July 16, 2016 Meeting

1. Call to Order: 10:16 AM: Hallway of JBVA, 2nd Fl
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Moment of Silence
 - Roll Call: Larry Nazimek, Bruce Parry, Francine O'Connor, Abundio Zaragoza, Willie Mack, Virgil Mathis, Curtis Morrow, Steve Nelson, Darryl Lockhart
2. The reading of the minutes was waived (M: B Parry, 2d: F O'Connor; passed)
3. Report by Larry Nazimek
 - Hoops for Troops report — Chicago Sky
 - Town Hall Meetings at JBVA: basically secret
 - Washington directed
 - Holding them without announcement
 - Public Affairs responded (Lena Sattell)
 - Try to get support from Rep. D Davis or Rep. M Quigley's office: Letter from CVO
 - Chiropractor not yet hired
 - Physical Therapy: Dr. Applebaum is Chief
 - Hiring process is very slow
 - How it came about: Many vets demanded it
 - 1 per VISN minimum
 - VISN 12: Iron Mountain in the UP
 - Then: Each VA should get one
 - Virgil: getting free chiropractor through private provider through Choice
 - Patient Information Room: 1st Floor
 - Flier=Kidney Foundation @ the VA: Not the VA
 - Kidney screening Aug 18th
 - Part of privatization
 - To send a letter: Larry to write
 - Email legislators & Director of Hospital from CVO
 - Check Public Affairs
 - Kirk staff joined CVO; email info to Larry
 - Kojo will make comment on JBVA website about Town Hall Meeting
 - Francine will check with Hines whether they have a chiropractor and will check back next meeting
 - Duckworth-Kirk debate=Town Hall meeting
 - Nothing happened
 - Innovation Center, 1647 S Blue Island (facility)
 - Virgil will send us email and info on Parking & Public Transportation
 - Larry will email Balcer again
4. Abundio Zaragoza
 - VACCC Picnic=Thanks for CVO support
 - pictures
 - El Dia newspaper covered it

-90-100 vets attended

5. Bruce Parry

- Financial Report presented and approved (M: FO'Connor; 2nd: A Zaragoza; passed)
- List of Members read
- Englewood=Back to School
 - They're having fundraiser, want CVO donation
 - Motion to support: (M: B Parry; 2nd: S Nelson; failed)
- Report on Connie Edwards and on Darryl Howard
- Newsletter: Bruce to contact Howard Noey
 - Steve Nelson will do his part
 - Larry sent another article
- David Rogers: Proposal to support Lockhart Institute day against violence parade
 - requests \$100
 - Bruce will contact David and send out information by email
- Meeting donation: \$26; Kojo Membership = \$10; A Zaragoza hat=\$50 received.

6. Other Business

- Virgil: No follow up by VA on Team One Chicago
 - Homelessness Summit
- Francine will follow up with Rep. Quigley's office
- Al Z: Nations gathering of Native Americans on Aug 19,20,21

7. Next Meeting: Sat, Aug 20 unless we find another venue where we can meet on a weekday

- If possible: 3rd Wed, Aug 17th, 7-8:30 PM, location TBA
- Bruce will do publicity if out works out
- Agenda will include: Need for leadership; Direction forward: New people, new energy, a new way forward
 - Bruce will do a history of CVO

8. Announcements

- Larry: Commemorative Air Force: Restores old airplanes; needs funds
- Bruce will update the CVO letterhead

9. Adjourned: 11:57 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Parry
Interim Treasurer