

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON Veterans' Advisory Board May 26, 2023

Friday, May 26, 2023 – Small Legislative Conference Room, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island with Online Access for COVID-19 Concerned VAB Members & Citizen Access

CALL TO ORDER – VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD (VAB)

Veterans' Advisory Board Chairman, Ted Whitley, called the online and Conference Room meeting to order at 11:45 AM. Members Michael Baker, Gordon Koenig, Bill Cumming, Kevin Holmes, Steve Stringer, Steve Jehly, Barry Neville, and ex-officio member Cindy Wolf logged into the meeting or attended in person.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the May 26, 2023 VAB meeting was approved by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Holmes moved, and Steve Stringer seconded, a Motion to approve the Minutes of the April 28, 2023 online/in person meeting of the VAB. The Motion was approved unanimously.

CITIZEN ACCESS

None were present.

OLD BUSINESS

No new status is reported with Whatcom County regarding VSO services re-negotiations.

Ted Whitley issued a checklist for the VAB booth at the San Juan County Fair held this year from August 16-19. Actual volunteer assignments will be resolved in future VAB meetings. Kevin Holmes reported on his efforts to get a poster for the booth portraying the yearly expenditures of the VAB. Michael Baker offered a summary of VAB expenditures from 2016 to 2022 to Kevin for his poster. Bill Cumming moved, and Steve Stringer seconded, a Motion to approve up to \$175.00 for the poster. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Ron Krebs, a visitor at the April VAB meeting has applied with the County to become a VAB member. He should be approved before our June VAB meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

The "Serving Those Who Served" yearly meeting is scheduled for Wenatchee, Washington. Ted Whitley is hoping for an interested VAB member to attend and assured the volunteer that all expenses would be covered for the two day conference.

Steven Gill, WDVA, has expressed an interest in attending our VAB meeting. Ted Whitley suggested he be invited to our June meeting

QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

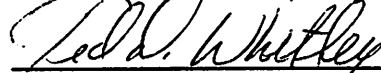
DM (Orcas Application): Steve Jehly moved, and Kevin Holmes seconded, a Motion to change VAB policy and allow this Veteran's status as a Veteran is established on his word alone because a fire at a VA records center has destroyed his original service record. The Motion was approved unanimously. Barry Neville moved, and Kevin Holmes seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran with \$9600.00 assistance; \$3000.00 for six months of food assistance @ \$500.00 per month, up to \$3000.00 for six months of utility bill assistance recompensed by bill or receipt, and up to \$3600.00 for travel expenses recompensed by bill or receipt. The Motion was approved unanimously.

CM (Orcas Application): Kevin Holmes moved, and Bill Cumming seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran with \$3240.00 assistance: \$2400.00 for six months of food assistance @ \$400.00 per month, and \$840.00 for six months of fuel bill assistance recompensed by receipt. The Motion was approved unanimously.

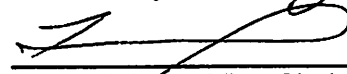
ND (Lopez Application): Kevin Holmes moved, and Bill Cumming seconded, a Motion to discard the Veteran's incomplete assistance application after three months of attempted contact with the Veteran failed. The Motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned by declaration of the VAB Chairperson at 12:44PM. The next VAB meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2023 at 11:45AM in the San Juan County Large Legislative Conference Room in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island, Washington linked online via the MS TEAMS network.

VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Ted Whitley, Chair



Kevin Holmes, Vice-Chair

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Michael Baker, Secretary