

SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES

SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON Veterans' Advisory Board August 25, 2023

Friday, August 25, 2023 – Small Legislative Conference Room, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island with Online Microsoft TEAMS 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, Barry Neville, Steve Skinner, and Steve Jehly logged into the meeting or attended in person.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the August 25, 2023 VAB meeting was approved by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gordon Koenig moved, and Steve Jehly seconded, a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 28, 2023 online/in person meeting of the VAB. The Motion was approved unanimously.

CITIZEN ACCESS

None appeared today.

OLD BUSINESS

No update was available regarding the status of the VSO agreement renewal with Whatcom County though the arrangement seems to be working out, according to Ted Whitley.

Ted Whitley called for comments from the VAB members who manned the San Juan County Fair VAB booth. The response was entirely positive though members had numerous suggestions for improving next year's booth. We should more clearly express what we do for County Vets via posters on the walls of the booth. We want our Veteran pictures back in next year's booth. Large Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine symbols should be acquired for the booth. A flag pin giveaway is encouraged. The visiting kids seemed to like the dog tag blanks. Care should be given in selecting raffle items.

Ron Krebs is attending the "Serving Those Who Served" yearly meeting in Wenatchee, Washington. Mr. Krebs will report on the meeting at our September VAB meeting.

Ted Whitley said that his effort to get San Juan County to provide a secure website for storage of VAB records has resulted in a suggestion to mimic the secure website used by the Ferry Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was proposed.

QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

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LB (Orcas Application): Barry Neville moved, and Bill Cumming seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran and his wife with \$2100.00 for three months of food assistance at \$700.00 per month. His application must be completed before funds are released. The Motion was approved unanimously.

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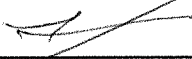
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