

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY  
VETERANS' RECOGNITION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats., a regular meeting of the **Brown County Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee** was held on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at 5:00 p.m., in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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**PRESENT:** Chair Bernie Erickson, Sherry Steenbock, Rosemary Desisles, Ed Klosowski, Delores Pierce, Duane Pierce, Jim Haskins, Karl Soderburg, Bill Kloiber, Jerry Polus

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\*\*Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1431

**1. Call Meeting to Order.**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 5:00 p.m.

**2. Invocation by Jim Haskins.**

**3. Approve/Modify Agenda.**

**Motion made by Delores Pierce, seconded by Sherry Steenbock to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**4. Approve/Modify Minutes of June 18, 2013.**

**Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Duane Pierce to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5. Brown County Fair – 2013 Veterans Appreciation Day Discussion (August 17).**

CVSO Jerry Polus had posters and tickets available for those members who wished to distribute them to area organizations and businesses. The remainder of the posters and tickets will be mailed out this week. Polus noted that if we run out of tickets more can be printed as necessary.

Polus also passed out a copy of the agenda for the ceremony, a copy of which is attached. The subcommittee went over the agenda and approved it. A discussion was then held with regard to the number of tables that will be under the tent. It was decided that there would be approximately 14 tables set up as well as a table for the commemorative display and a table for the 3D model of the Vets Memorial being built in Howard, as well as a table where people can sign up for certificates and a door prize table. Koslowski noted that the Schneider Ride with Pride truck will be there as well as one other military vehicle.

Jim Haskins and Duane Pierce will handle door prizes. Polus would like them to pick up the door prizes from his office a day or two before the event. They have coffee cups, water bottles, and tee shirts. Bernie also showed some of the other prizes he was able to have donated. Stadium View Sports Bar donated several Superbowl prints and Ad Ideas also donated items. There will also be the Mark Murphy autographed football from the Packers as well as the guided fishing trip.

Haskins stated he will talk to local TV stations to have this event promoted. Erickson will contact the Green Bay Press Gazette for some coverage as well.

**6. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.**

Polus did not have anything to report that was not already discussed in Item 5 above.

**7. Acceptance of donation from Schwab America in the amount of \$595.00.**

Jerry Polus explained that Schwab America held a jeans day where employees could make a donation to wear jeans to work. Schwab wanted the donation to benefit veterans and it was donated to this Subcommittee to use at Polus's discretion. A thank you letter has been sent to Schwab.

**Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Duane Pierce to accept the \$595.00 donation from Schwab America. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**8. Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Desisles, Haskins, Maino, Ness, Pierce, Steenbock, Walschinski & Witkowski).**

-Erickson indicated that he had inquired about a number of items to commemorate the Vietnam Veterans at the Fair. He received a call from Metalcraft Mint, Inc. that they had a number of Vietnam memorial coins in their warehouse that they would be willing to donate. Erickson had a sample of the coin at the meeting that he passed around.

-Steenbock reported that three new certificates had been sent out. She also had an update on the Veterans Day Off with Pay bill that she shared with the Subcommittee, a copy of which is attached. Steenbock encouraged those present to contact Senator Glenn Grothman, Chairman of the Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to express their support for the bill.

-Desisles reported that the Navy League will be having a celebration at the EAA on August 2 at the Charcoal Pit. They will be giving the Excellence Award out at the celebration. Desisles also reported that she had spoken with Mike Egan of the Community Blueprint team and asked for an update and she was advised that they are still having problems trying to get people to step up to take control of individual functional areas but at the last meeting there was a lot of interest in Veterans Court. Finally, Desisles stated that there will be a Veterans Benefit Expo on August 7, 2013 at the Stone Harbor Resort in Sturgeon Bay.

-Koslowski stated that Air Venture is being held in Oshkosh from July 28 to August 4 and discount tickets are available for veterans and active military members and can be purchased online. He stated that a Salute to Veterans will be held on August 2 along with a Vietnam Veterans Honor Flight.

-Haskins read an article from the newspaper regarding the Honor Flight that Koslowski referred to earlier. Haskins also reported that the Green Bay Botanical Gardens offered free admission to veterans on July 4. He also spoke of a new restaurant opening in Green Bay that is offering a 10 percent discount to all military service members and a 20 percent discount to all Vietnam War Veterans. The restaurant is located on South Military Avenue. Haskins also stated that he had recently visited the Oneida Veterans Memorial Wall and encouraged the Subcommittee to visit if they haven't already done so.

-Pierce gave a report on the Pearly Gates Veterans Ride held on July 13. He stated that it was a smashing success and previous records had been shattered. They had 670 bikes and 132 hotrods. It was estimated that close to \$80,000 had been raised at the

event. He also noted that when this event first began eight years ago they had four sponsors and this year they had 84 sponsors.

-Kloiber indicated that the dedication of the Veterans Clinic will be held on August 15 with a reception at 9:30 a.m. and the dedication ceremony at 10:30 a.m. He also indicated that on August 15 the West Side Trail will be dedicated including the Ben Ettinger section of the trail.

**9. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law.**

None.

**10. Adjourn.**

**Motion made by Jim Haskins, seconded by Rosemary Desisles to adjourn at 6:02 p.m. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio  
Recording Secretary



## **Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Meet and Greet Organization**

**Brown County Fair Military / Veterans Meet and Greet, Honoring the Vietnam Veterans 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
Proposed Agenda:**

**11-noon set up displays**

**Noon to 6PM display tent open to the public**

**6PM Veterans Program:**

**Welcome by John Maino, Master of Ceremonies**

**Posting of the colors, VVA#224**

**Star Spangled by Loren Pavlik**

**Chaplin Prayer by VVA#224**

**Welcome message, Troy Streckenback County Executive**

**Commerative program, Bernie Erickson, Committee Chair**

**Guest Speaker, Gary Wetzel, Medal of Honor Recipient**

**POW/MIA table ceremony, Rolling Thunder**

**Flag Folding ceremony, VVA#224 and/or Rolling Thunder**

**Echo Taps, VVA#224**

**Door Prize drawings**

**Retiring of the colors, VVA#224**

**Band performing is the "Talk of the Town" a Jazz/Dixie band following the ceremony**

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to me

Hi, Sherry,

SB-123 is still sitting in the Committee on Judiciary and Labor which is chaired by Senator Glenn Grothman. It will be up to him as to whether or not it gets a public hearing and or a vote in the committee.

His office can be reached at: (608) 266-7513 or by email at:

Sen.Grothman@legis.wisconsin.gov

At some point we will request a hearing but it might not hurt for him to hear from veterans and supporters of the bill.

Jay

From: sbs3@netnet.net [mailto:sbs3@netnet.net]

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2013 5:34 PM

To: Wadd, Jay

Subject: update on Senate Bill