

**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 11, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 201 of the Northern Building, 305 E. Walnut Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

PRESENT: Chair Erickson, Duane Pierce, Delores Pierce, Joan Brusky, Louise Dahlke & Jerry Polus
EXCUSED: Jim Haskins, Joe Witkowski, Ed Koslowski

****Running Total of Veterans' Certificates: 1804**

1. Call Meeting to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bernie Erickson at 4:30 pm.

2. Invocation. None.

3. Approve/Modify Agenda.

Motion made by Joan Brusky, seconded by Delores Pierce to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approve/Modify Minutes of June 20, 2017.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Joan Brusky to approve. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

At this time Chair Erickson introduced County Board Supervisor Richard Schadewald to the group. Schadewald said he plans on attending the Fair event if he is able. He said on behalf of his son who is in the military and all other veterans, he appreciates everything this Subcommittee does.

5. Update re: Honor Rewards Program.

CVSO Jerry Polus said there have not been any new cards issued or businesses signed up since the last meeting. He informed there will be a representative of the Register of Deeds at the Veterans Appreciation Day event at the Fair to sign up interested veterans and he feels that will generate some additional interest in the program.

6. Update re: 2017 Veterans' Appreciation Day at the Brown County Fair.

- a. Finalized Timeline.**
- b. Certificate/dog tags.**

Polus had a copy of the poster for the event that he passed out to the Subcommittee for approval, a copy of which is attached. He also had a copy of the tickets for review and noted that each ticket will admit the veteran and a guest. He will have 500 tickets printed as well as 70 posters. Erickson said he typically puts posters out at the recruiting offices for each branch and usually walks away with a bag of prizes to be given out at the Fair. Polus will provide tickets and posters to the ADRC, Vets Center and Vets Clinic. He said Subcommittee members can place posters at any business that will accept them. Tickets will be available in Polus's office and at the ADRC, Green Bay VA Clinic and Vets Center. Polus also provided the proposed agenda, a copy of which is attached.

Louise Dahlke informed she has booked the stage and will give the bill to the Subcommittee. She also talked about the tickets and noted the Fair will accept a ticket or a veteran's ID card for admittance. She would prefer veterans to have the actual tickets, but those without will not be turned away. There will be no electronic tickets as

discussed at previous meetings. With regard to the tent, Dahlke has requested the same size that has been used in the past and she has requested to have sides for the tent available in the event of inclement weather.

Erickson said the dog tags have been ordered and should be here very soon. The certificate that will be handed out to Purple Heart and disabled veterans was also presented to the group, a copy of which is attached.

7. Report from CVSO Jerry Polus.

Polus said the US Navy Band will be performing a free concert on Thursday, July 27 at 6:00 pm at Klipstine Park in Ashwaubenon.

8. Report from Committee Members Present (Erickson, Brusky, Dahlke, Haskins, Koslowski, Pierce & Witkowski, Brusky).

-Erickson noted the contract for the band at the Fair has been signed and returned to the band. He will begin to acquire door prizes in the next week or so. Erickson also said he attended the Pow Wow in Oneida over the Fourth of July and it was a very nice, family-oriented event.

-Brusky informed that she has been working on gathering door prizes for the Fair and so far she has solicited the Botanical Gardens, National Railroad Museum, Automobile Gallery and Heritage Hill. She is also hopeful to get something from Let Me Be Frank and Green Bay Community Theater. She also learned that PMI arranges for unused tickets to be given to disabled veterans.

Brusky also shared a news item that reported Governor Walker encourages veteran entrepreneurship in Wisconsin and he has unveiled the State of Wisconsin Veteran Owned Business logo and the statewide veteran-owned business directory that will be administered by the DAV. She informed that statistically veterans are 30% more likely to hire fellow veterans. There are more than 390,000 veterans living in Wisconsin, half of whom are working age. Supporting veteran-owned businesses not only shows thanks to the veterans but is also good for the entire state. Wisconsin has approximately 65,000 veteran-owned businesses which account for approximately \$20 billion dollars in annual sales.

-Dahlke did not have anything more to report than what was discussed earlier.

-Duane Pierce reported on the Pearly Gates Ride that was held last week. He said it was phenomenal and the weather was perfect. There were 714 bikes, 136 hotrods and classic cars and over 1,300 people participated along with over 170 volunteers. They are hoping that the final profit is six figures. If the figures are what they expect them to be, it would put them over \$1 million dollars raised in 12 years. Pierce said the funds are split up over various veterans organizations in the area and are spread around very well to help many veterans in need. He talked about the Christmas basket program Post 224 does every year as well as some of the other programs that benefit from the donations.

9. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law. None.

10. Adjourn.

Motion made by Duane Pierce, seconded by Joan Brusky to adjourn at 5:15 pm. Vote taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

Therese Giannunzio
Recording Secretary

BROWN COUNTY FAIR

Saturday, August 19th, 2017

MILITARY AND VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY

Free All Day Admission for Military and
Veterans and Guests
(Midway Rides Not Included)

**HONORING
DISABLED AND
PURPLE HEART
VETERANS**



Meet & Greet Area Veteran Organizations
& Representatives on VA Benefit Programs

10 AM to 3 PM

Veterans Program @ 3 PM

Commemorative Ceremony for
Disabled and Purple Heart Veterans



Music by Monterey Trail Acoustic
2-3 PM and following the
Veterans Program

Advance Tickets Required & Available at

Brown County
Veterans Office
305 E. Walnut St. RM. 300

Aging Disability &
Resource Center
300 S. Adams St.

GB VA Clinic
2851 University Ave.

Vets Center
1600 S. Ashland Ave.

Sponsored by Brown County Veterans Recognition Committee,
Northeast Wisconsin Military Meet & Greet Organization,
Brown County Fair Association, Associated Bank

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BROWN CO. VETERANS /MILITARY APPRECTION DAY

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017

AGENDA

10AM-3PM –INFORMATION TENT WITH VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND VA REPRESENTATIVES

2PM-3PM –MUSIC BY MONTEREY TRAIL

3PM-4PM – CEREMONY

WELCOME BY MC - BERNIE ERICKSON

POSTING OF COLORS – DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CHAPLAIN PRAYER –GEORGE DEXTER

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

LAYING OF WREATH

ECHO TAPS

WELCOME BY JEFF FLYNT, DEPUTY EXECUTIVE

SPEAKER – PURPLE HEART

SPEAKER – DAV

SPECIAL REGOGNITION OF DAV & PURPLE HEART VETS

RETIREMENT OF CLOORS

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING

4PM-5PM –MUSIC BY MONTEREY TRAIL



PROUD TO BE A

**PURPLE HEART VETERAN
DISABLED AMERICAN VETERAN**

OF BROWN COUNTY



★ ARMY ★ NAVY ★ AIR FORCE ★ MARINES ★ COAST GUARD ★

AUGUST 19, 2017

In recognition of your honorable service in the armed forces of our country, we the citizens of Brown County express our sincere appreciation of your sacrifice, courage, and willingness to serve our great County, State and Nation. We are proud of you and thank you for your contribution to the defense of freedom.



Thank You

For YOUR SERVICE to OUR COUNTRY

Troy J. Streckenbach
County Executive

Patrick W. Moynihan, Jr.
Chair, Brown County Board of Supervisors

Bernie J. Erickson
Chair, Veterans' Recognition Subcommittee

Jerry E. Polus
Brown County Veterans Service Officer

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