

Veterans Affair Committee
REGULAR MEETING
September 18, 2023

PRESENT: W. Willinsky, T. Dickerson, W. Petras, J. Sterry, R. Spooner (A) (A) = Alternate

ABSENT: R. Cote , Vacant, Vacant, M. Foreman (A)
(Note on vacancies: R. Farrington passed away and C. Rouleau resigned.)

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

1. CHAIRMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman W. Willinsky called the REGULAR meeting to order at 1830 at the American Legion Hall, located at 12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Agenda accepted as written.

4. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

There was no meeting in June as there was not a quorum. A motion was made by W. Petras, seconded by J. Sterry to accept the minutes of the May 15, 2023 meeting as written. **All were in favor. Motion passed.**

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT (T. Dickerson)

Still no word on replacements for our vacant VAC positions. W. Willinsky to contact the chairman of the Democratic Town Committee regarding the one name that has been submitted.

6. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT (J. Sterry)

Nothing to pass.

7. VETERANS BENEFITS & INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT (S. Petras)

S. Petras passed that they are still pushing the 2022 PACT Act. Follow this link for the "Understanding Health Care Eligibility and Benefits" flyer:

https://www.va.gov/files/2022-11/PACT%20Act%20Understanding%20Health%20Care%20and%20Benefits_V9.26.22%201130hrs.pdf

8. COMMITTEE ADVISOR'S REPORT (Vacant)

Committee had voted to leave this position vacant and only fill it if needed in the future.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Nothing new. S. Petras passed that the wreaths from Wreathes Across America went up in price to \$17 each for this year.

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

A motion was made by T. Dickerson, seconded by S. Petras to adjourn the meeting. **All were in favor, motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 1848.

The next Regular meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Dickerson

Recording Secretary