

**DOOR COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
AGENDA
Tues, 13 Jul 2021
1030
Veterans Service Office - Room C203**

1. Call meeting to order 1030.
2. Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of minutes from 13 Apr 2021.
4. CVSO Report.
5. Commission Aid.
 - a. Disbursement of funds to date.
6. Open Forum/Discussion.
 - a. Veterans Day Ceremony 2021 at Gibraltar High School.
 - b. Memorial Day Ceremony 2021—Recap.
 - c. Fundraising Opportunity.
7. Next meeting date, time, location, and items to discuss.
8. Adjournment.



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NOTE: These minutes have not been approved by the oversight committee and are subject to approval at the next meeting.

14 Apr 21

SUBJECT: Meeting minutes for the Veterans Service Commission, 13 Apr 21.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Commissioner Bill Karas, Commissioner Bob Gamble, Chairman Don Sitte.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30am.

2. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS READ.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Minutes of the 02 Feb 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.

4. CVSO REPORT.

CVSO reported that the Government Center is now open to the public but masks are still required to be worn while in the building. The CVSO office is encouraging veterans and or members of the public to schedule appointments ahead of time so appropriate time and attention can be given to each individual.

The CVSO office also has a new counter at the entrance of the office to mitigate people from walking straight into the individual offices of the Veterans Service Officer and the Assistant Veterans Service Officer. The counter is set up with a desktop computer so simple tasks can be expedited at the counter.

5. COMMISSION AID.

As of 2021 there has been no disbursement of Commission Funds to assist needy veterans. CVSO reiterated the annual budgeted amount available for disbursement to needy veterans is generated from grant money provided by the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs and donations to the Veterans Service Council.

6. OPEN FORUM/DISCUSSION.

- a. CVSO notified Bill Erickson, the secretary of the Wisconsin Veterans Commission that Mr. Sitte was elected as the new chair person. Mr. Erickson informed the CVSO that he was working on putting together an updated roster and would provide us the current information as soon as possible.
- b. CVSO stated that new presumptive conditions to include, bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and parkinsonism disorders associated with Agent Orange exposure had been added to legislation.
CVSO reported that the VA Green Bay Clinic is now contacting veterans to schedule them for their Covid-19 vaccines. New legislation states that spouses may be eligible for vaccinations through the VA Clinics as well, however, at this time the Green Bay VA Clinic is only administering vaccines to veterans.
- c. A motion was made and unanimously approved to add two additional names to the Veterans Memorial in front of City Hall. The first name is John Heintz, a Civil War veteran who died in combat in 1864. The second additional name will be William Gonzalez who died while serving on active duty in 2021.
- d. The Armed Forces Day Breakfast to be held on 15 May 21 has been postponed.
- e. The Memorial Day ceremony will be held on 31 May 21 at 10:00a.m. The ceremony will be held outside and members of the public are welcome to park in the Government Center or City Hall parking lots and tune into the ceremony on a specific FM radio station. The public in attendance will be able to view the podium and speakers since they will be arranged outside the back of the Fire Department. A section of Nebraska Street will be sectioned off for individuals who would like to bring their own chairs and sit or stand outside to view the ceremony. AMVETS Post 51 will be doing the honor guard.
The CVSO asked the commissioners to make sure that the individual service organizations conducting Memorial Day ceremonies throughout the county use discretion and follow the Door County Public Health guidelines regarding COVID-19.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND ITEMS TO DISCUSS.

Next will be held on 13 Jul 21 at 10:30am. The next meeting will be held in person at the Government Center.

10. MEETING ADJOURNMENT.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

FOR THE CHAIRMAN:

Beth M. Wartella, Door County Veterans Service Officer.