

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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Minutes

At 1500 Commissioner Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. Commissioners Susan Springer, Jerry Nelson and Fred Dimon were in attendance. Commissioner Gunderson called in from Afghanistan. Others in attendance were Veteran Affairs Director Kurt Jackson and Keith Thorpe. David Dolmage of the "Newton Daily News" joined the meeting at 1515.

The minutes of the 9 August 2017 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Marta Ford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

Newton Union Cemetery (Veterans Section): The commission asked Kurt Jackson to contact Lisa Bernal of the Newton Parks Department to find out when this Fall there would be an on sight tour of the present veterans section and the proposed future site of the veterans section.

Fall Training: Fall training for the commission will be October 17. Kurt and Keith will be there an additional two days. Susan Springer and Jerome Gunderson will not be attending.

Pension Training: Kurt Jackson attended pension training at the Federal Building in Des Moines 23 August 2017.

VA CIHCS Mental Health Initiative: Kurt Jackson attended this seminar in Des Moines 24 August 2017. Kurt will continue to stay involved with this mental health initiative to determine its value for our veterans.

New Business:

August Budget: The August Budget was presented to the commission.

Directors Activity Report: Kurt Jackson's report is attached...

Vietnam Commemorative Book: Fred Dimon made a motion that any Vietnam War/Era Veteran who served with their **home of record** at that time being **Iowa** and who now live **outside** of the State of Iowa be eligible to receive the Vietnam War Book 'A Time to Honor'.

Jerry Nelson seconded the motion. Discussion...

Marta Ford asked for all those in favor: Nelson, Springer, Dimon, and Ford

Marta Ford asked for those opposed: Gunderson

Motion Passed.

Grout Museum, Waterloo Iowa:

Kurt Jackson will be representing Jasper County at the Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum which is taking part in the National POW/MIA Recognition Day. This year, special attention will be placed on Korean War Era serviceman and women who were listed as missing. Jasper County has two Korean War MIA's Ronald E. Harbour and Conrad E. Scott. Efforts at this time are to contact relatives of these two MIA's. Kurt will have the two certificates of remembrance at the Jasper County Korean War/Era Veterans Association meeting in October. If no relatives come forward, Kurt will take the certificates to the Jasper County Museum.

Jasper County Korean War/Era Veterans Association: Jerry Nelson made a motion that we provided dinner for the October 2017 meeting of the Jasper County Korean War/Era Veterans Association. Fred Dimon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Landlord request for assistance: The landlord called Jasper County Veterans Affairs requesting payment for an overdue water bill that his veteran renter did not pay.

It was the general consensus of the commission that **only the veteran** can request assistance.

At 1552 Jerry Nelson made a motion to adjourn. Susan Springer seconded. Motion Passed. Meeting Adjourned.

Confirm 3:00 PM Meeting for October 11, 2017