



# ***ANTRIM COUNTY VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE***

Tom Sandeen, Chairperson  
Alissa Winters, Vice Chairperson

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## **Meeting Minutes – 14July2021**

- 1. Meeting was called to order at: 1401**
- 2. Minutes from 09June2021 reviewed:** Motion to accept: RS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: DS; all aye
  - a. Minutes from 18June special meeting reviewed:** Motion to accept: DS; 2<sup>nd</sup> TB; all aye
- 3. County Veteran Burial Applications:**
  - a. Skaggs: approved
  - b. Found Perrin application—need to check payment status.
  - c. Brandon will confirm previous applications for payment
- 4. Invoices for Veteran Marker Settings:**
  - a. Mortensen's: 15: all approved
- 5. Antrim County Veterans Affairs Emergency Relief Fund: 1**
  - a. VSpec ID 129343 (PK): Assistance with rent (\$77?)
    - i. Tabled but ACVA staff can approve small amount and committee can sign app at next meeting. Get with Tim.
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Introduction of ACVA director; Bear the service dog will start next Monday.
  - b. Trust Fund function and policies
    - i. Training is 26July in TC; resend email reminder to those attending
    - ii. In addition to the MVTF, we would like outside organizations to present their services and financial assistance capabilities to ACVA so we can draw on multiple resources. No more turning anyone away or limiting assistance because we don't have enough funds.

c. MVAA Grant

- i. Discussed new application for FY22. Outreach is the main focus this coming year. Alissa mentioned reaching out to addiction support groups and similar orgs where veterans may be—not just focusing on veteran organizations. Brandon agreed and we are going to hit up as many places as we possibly can to reach our veterans.

d. Accounting

i. Current balances

1. Per BS&A balances are on track for the remainder of the year but Brandon will need to verify with Brad how all of the funding works. There is now \$6K in the marker settings where there was only \$4400 last month.
- ii. American Legion donation: Brad will have a line of accounting for ACVA by next week
- iii. Cash/gift cards: still need to spend that money
- iv. Meijer vouchers status: We have several vouchers left so we asked the committee to refer anyone remotely in need to us.
  1. Amounts were increased to \$150 per veteran plus \$100 per dependent, up to \$400. Motion to approve: TB; 2<sup>nd</sup> RS; all aye
  2. This will also be the new policy standard for grocery vouchers from the general relief fund.

e. Brandon was invited to attend the Elk Rapids Amvets meeting to introduce himself: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in Sept @ 1900.

f. New meeting space: room 120 next to Treasurers office—private and easier to conduct business. Next meeting will be there.

g. Tom Brown learned of a broken Civil War veteran headstone in the Essex Road cemetery and wondered if there was anything we could do to help. DS suggested getting with the

Sons of the Civil War group in TC and the Bellaire Museum for info. TB will take the lead on this.

## 7. Old Business

- a. Junior Cantrell—check on payment from 14Apr meeting—still need to check
- b. VSpec ID 266493 (SD)—Need to follow up with Tim**
  - i. Assistance with rent
    - 1. Determination of employment and or CERA
- c. Uniforms for ACVAC members: TB Large jacket,

## 8. Closing

- a. Prayer
- b. Next meeting will be in Room 120
- c. Adjourned: 1530