



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

Alissa Winters, Chairperson  
Alissa Winters, Vice Chairperson

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## **MEETING MINUTES – 14Dec2022**

**Members present:** Alissa Winters, Roger Simon, Joe Renis, Tom Sandeen,

**Members absent:** Carrie Perez

**Others present:** Ed Boettcher, Brandon Corbin, Libby Hiser, Matt Weller

- 1. Meeting was called to order at: 1408**
- 2. Minutes from\_09Nov2022\_\_\_were reviewed:**
  - a. Motion to approve: TS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: JS; All Aye (Perez absent)
- 3. County Veteran Burial Applications:**
  - a. VetraSpec ID 270125: Approved
  - b. Beal (no vetra): Approved
- 4. Invoices for Veteran Marker Settings:**
  - a. 3 of 8 from last month are complete: Approved
  - b. 1 new: Approved
- 5. Antrim County Veterans Affairs Emergency Relief Fund:**
  - a. None submitted—no closed session.
- 6. New Business**
  - a. Matthew has completed his Basic Benefit course and is awaiting his OGC # to be assigned in order to start working claims.

- b. Timothy Cary has applied for the upcoming open slot. His application is attached for review.
  - i. Director will submit ACVA recommendation to BOC
- c. January we will vote in the chair and vice chair positions for the committee.
  - i. Alissa voiced desire to remain Chair and Joe would like to remain Vice Chair
- d. Social Media engagement Matt Brief committee (Update on office efforts)
  - i. Google analytics show an increase in hits due to updating SEO to “Antrim County Veterans Affairs”
- e. ACVA county website Libby Will update on month’s progress
  - i. Discussed ACVAC photos uploaded to website
  - ii. Veteran’s Coalition info: Alissa will provide info to Director
  - iii. Will work on “Community Resource Guide” through outreach
- f. We have an approved (by County Administrator) wall mural design. As long as we like this design I will get it moving. Mock up handed out.
  - i. Motion to approve design: TS; 2<sup>nd</sup>: RS; All Aye (Perez absent)
- g. Outreach efforts: Brandon Will be in the community twice a month main focus is talking to businesses and outside organizations. Goal is to spread awareness, find partners and hopefully find the veterans we have not engaged with through this indirect means.
- h. MVAA FY 23 grant: I have been in contact with Kate Peterson (Grant Specialist) funds are approved and the approval letter sent up their chain just waiting on their process before we get the check.
- i. Accounting
  - i. Current balances/Budget

1. General funds at 68.4% of budget spent
2. Emergency Relief at 85.15% spent
3. Donations balance \$437

- j. During November we had 85 veterans that we had engagement with.
- k. Coalition meeting notes (Alissa Winters)
  - i. Looking for people to participate in events/use services
  - ii. Will look into additional info and/or website

## **7. Old Business**

- a. Travel policy reviewed between Brandon and Pete with Ed's assistance. ACVA does adhere to county policy.

## **8. Public Comment:**

- a. VA clinic now asking about toxic exposures and will provide a handout and case worker to address health concerns.

## **9. Closing**

- a. Adjourned: 1526
- b. Prayer