

# THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF WISCONSIN

## VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION COMMITTEE

Department Fall Meetings  
Friday, October 14, 2022  
1:00 PM

### MINUTES

Vice Chair Steve Krueger called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM with a salute to the Colors, Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken with the following in attendance:

Steve Krueger, Vice Chair  
Bill Crowley, Member  
Rich Ruland, Member  
Steve Conto, Member  
Gary Meyer, Employment Chair  
Tim Baranzyk, Homeless Veterans Task Force Chair  
Dan Jakubczyk, Hospital Chair  
James Fialkowski, Department Service Officer, Consultant  
Denise Jamrozy, Camp American Legion Chair, Consultant  
Jerry Hook, DEC Liaison  
Julie Muhle, Department Commander, Ex-Officio  
Nathan Gear, Department Adjutant, Consultant

Excused:

Clifford Stanisch, Chair  
Ron Kuta, Member  
Gary Meyer, Employment Chair

Absent:

Bill Crowley, Member

**Motion by Rich Ruland, second by Tim Baranzyk to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

**Motion Carried.**

### **Reports:**

**Homeless Task Force – Tim Baranzyk:** Tim reviewed his written report. He distributed information about the SALUTE program. Nathan Bond asked for an amount for the budget for the programs for a proposal at the DEC.

Phil Green spoke about the “Together with Veterans” program for rural veterans. There is a meeting on November 18, 2022 at 2pm at the Sparrows Nest in Sparta to appreciate Veterans.

**Hospital Report – Dan Jakubczyk:** Dan reviewed his written report.

**Veterans Service Office – James Fialkowski:** James reported that he has 3 vacancies in the office, he is working on filling 2 of them. The applications are posted on Indeed. He reported that the PACT Act expanded eligibility for claims.

**Steve Conto -Member:** Steve reported about the Cremated Remains. Steve asked if his title can be changed from member to Cremated Remains Task Force Chair. The title came through a decision from the DEC and it was deemed “ad hoc”. Steve spoke at the Wisconsin Funeral Homes Association Conference about the program.

**Camp American Legion – Denise Jamrozy:** Denise reported that there were 536 campers this year, about 50 - 55 weekly. Camp is now open all year round now for different programs. The camp application is now available on the website. \$500 to sponsor a Veteran for Camp.

**Employment (Steve Krueger for Gary Meyer):** Steve spoke about the Vets Ready Program which supports employers who are encouraged to hire and support veterans and their families. They are looking for a representative from The American Legion to be on a committee to choose annual employment awards and to attend other meetings.

**Motion by Steve Conto, second by Rich Ruland to recommend Steve Krueger to represent the Wisconsin American Legion on this Committee. Motion Carried.**

**Old Business:**

**Motion by Dan Jakubczyk, second by Tim Barancyk to take forward the resolution for the Wisconsin Recognition of Veteran Family Employer of the Year. Motion Carried.**

**New Business:**

Steve Conto will work on a resolution to change his title from member to Cremated Remains Task Force Chair.

Linda Pfeiffer expanded on information about the SALUTE Program.

Meeting was adjourned per ritual at 2:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted;

Steve Krueger, Vice Chair  
Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Chair