

Minutes CKVCP - December 11, 2020

- A. Call to Order:** CJ Jefferis, Raechel Manley, Dennis Chambers, Dean Bieber are present.
- B. Meal Discount:** Courtesy of CKVCP.
- C. Minutes & Agendas:** No changes or additions.
- D. Guest Speaker:** Healing Waters is rescheduled for 2021 and will focus on Wreaths Across America. Investigation is necessary to see if wreaths could be distributed at Fairlawn Cemetery in Hutchinson, KS. Raechel Manley will contact Wreaths Across America to find out if that's possible. Executive Board will vote on amount of sponsorship when setting the 2021 budget.
- E. Veteran Needs:** None at this time. Supply drive for Solider Homes happening.
- F. Event/Engagement Reports:**
 - a. Veteran & Family Gun Shoot:** 8 veterans 26 people total for 2020 event. 9 people shot. Next year will be on September 4th from 1pm to 5pm.
 - b. American Legion Breakfast:** Estimate of 100 people in attendance with 15 RED Friday Shirts sold and COVID kit bags (with soldiers within them). Kindred Hospice cups were shared with educational material in them.
 - c. Gun Show:** Executive Board made a decision not to participate and will wait until post pandemic to have a table.
- G. Honor Flights:** No update at this time. CJ has not been able to coordinate for the proposed South Hutchinson can collection location.
- H. Suicide Prevention:** No update from Mike Casquino. Previous proposal to change the back of the solider cards to highlight suicide prevention instead of RED Friday for this batch. CJ requested a mock up be sent to the executive committee to confirm.
- I. RED Friday:** 2020 design was reordered, but are not ready. 2021 design has been quoted by a different business but we are still waiting on the corrections office to give us a bid.
- J. Flag Boxes:** CJ paid for glass and Dean will be reimbursed for more hinges. We will wait on making more until after the January presentation.
- K. Cash & Coins for Courage:** Ammo boxes have not been distributed.
- L. Donation Barrels:** CJ has not connected with the American Legion or VFW on hosting barrels. Sterling Legion, Kindred Hospice, and Reno County Hospice have barrels they are using. Mike Casquino will be connecting with Soldier Homes to confirm need, amounts, COVID restrictions, time frame for supply delivery. He has agreed to make the deliveries as well.
- M. Newsletter:** Due to illness Dennis has not made a connection to the suggested newsletter volunteer.
- N. Cargill Grant:** Received an email confirming the grant was approved by corporate and they decided to match the \$10,000.00 local grant in full. We should have the \$20,000.00 check by the end of the year and will officially deposit it in January.

- O. Whole Health Initiatives:** Sunflower Yoga will provide free yoga to veterans on Tuesdays at noon. Reigns of Hope will fortify their Heroes of Hope program with CKVCP promoting it and helping secure funds if possible. American Red Cross received an email stating the Art Therapy order has been received and they will send confirmation of when it will ship, but due to the long wait list we do not have a guarantee of time of receipt. Dean Bieber, with Opa's Toys, will in the meantime create a sample kit and get pricing for veterans to put together. Healing Waters is providing fly tying kits during the pandemic for veterans. A new page was created on the website to highlight and link all of this information.
- P. Soldiers & Cards:** Raechel will provide a revised version to the Executive Committee for approval to order in January.
- Q. Wichita VCP:** Education updates will now be emailed to Raechel and she will update both Wichita and CKVCP Facebook pages.
- R. Member Drive:** Need to implement the drive and discuss the options.
- a. Identify membership levels.
 - b. Set clear goals.
 - c. Consider marketing efforts. (decals, digital, newsletters, chamber).
 - d. Identify categories of who to ask, make a list, and who will ask them.
 - e. Schedule a time to ask with a deadline.
 - f. Have a list of benefits for being a member.
 - g. Meet and make the ask.
- S. Resource Drive:** Mike Casquino is handling the supplies and coordination for the next delivery to the soldier home.
- a. January - Raechel & Micki
 - b. February - Sunflower Yoga
 - c. March is planning for Vietnam Veteran Day
 - d. April is resource fair planning - Wichita VCP will do their's in April too
 - e. May is Education - Reintegration after leaving the military
 - f. June is supply drive prep for Christmas in July and RED Friday sale at Flea Market and parade prep
 - g. July is prep for American Legion Breakfast in August
- T. Next Meetings:** Executive Meeting is January 2nd from 9am to 12pm on Zoom. Monthly Meeting is January 8th at noon at Hutchinson Community College with a Zoom option.