**Minutes CKVCP - June 12, 2020**

1. **Call to Order** - CJ Jefferis, Raechel Manley, Mike Casquino, Jeffery Jones, Micki Wilson, Joy Robinson, Randy Hendrickson, Sam Flaming, and Tonya Ross are present. Began meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. No meal discount since there is no buffet.
3. **Minute correction** from February - Micki Wilson needs spelling change on minutes.
4. **Guest Speaker**: Tonya Ross with the Robert J Dole VA VCP out of Wichita - Sharing the work being done in Wichita to create the VCP and provide education to members and the community to improve the lives of veterans. The VCP began in August of 2019, and has been working on reaching out to communities outside of Wichita. Ross shared about veteran supply drive that CKVCP participated in with the Wichita VCP. Ross will be able to record our rural work in her reports to the national VCP level.

Conversation about how to help veterans who do not trust the VA due to their service experience, and sharing personal experiences and connecting to the right VA personnel.

Building referral sources is important and there is discussion of having a digital resource page for the VA staff and local organizations to use. Discussion of having a CBOC representative available at meetings - Community Based Outreach Clinic. Sam Flaming will be our point of contact.

1. **Veteran Needs:** Issues that Wichita VCP has run into in helping veterans that were not “deemed” veterans due to not being activated. Therefore they are in the VA system but do not have the access to burial benefits. Being aware of resources.
2. Sharing of the **SHVFW Challenge Coin** and discussion on whether or not they will be used at the dinner.
3. **Homeless Veterans** - Passage Ways Tour will be on June 26th, meet at 10am at Gambinos if you would like to carpool to Wichita.
4. **Dinners** will be combined this year with SHVFW taking the lead at this time. Scheduled for August 8 at the Moose Lodge. Posters are available at this time and need distribution.
5. Hope for a **veteran expo** in late January, dependent on COVID-19.
6. **RED Friday** - planning a promotion for the 4th of July parade. Shirts are available for $15.00 a piece. Call Joy to order yours today (620) 272-1660.
7. **Transportation** - DAV will send a wheelchair accessible vehicle if arrangements are made through volunteer services at the VA. Opportunities to receive vehicle for themselves, contact the VA for more information.
8. Upcoming **22 Gun Shoots** through Central Kansas Gun Club - October 25th Sunday morning and afternoon. Guns and ammo provided, bring your own eye protection. 6 stations.
9. **Honor Flights** have been cancelled for this year and concerns are related to costs when flights open back up due to COVID-19 restrictions. Can collection center is behind Skates to raise funds. You can also take cans or any metal directly to Midwest Iron and tell them to donate it to Kansas Honor Flights. Car show tomorrow.
10. **Team Rubicon** - disaster relief has set up COVID testing stations in Wichita. Casquino will be helping Sedgwick County. Search Team Rubicon to find the sign-up sheet to help. Raechel will get Mike information on local CERT conference calls that Kindred is a part of in Reno County.
11. **Suicide Prevention** - New banners will be created with signage that is more eye catching. Meetings have been held via Zoom.
12. **Reno County Hospice** - August virtual fundraiser. Micki will send information to Raechel to share on social media.
13. **Beer & Brats for VA loan info** July 8th, 5:30-7:00pm 2300 N. Lorraine Hutchinson, KS.
14. **Veteran Town Halls** - Need to find out when and if there is another one.
15. **Patriot Parade** - Banners will be printed to display on Jefferis’ trailer, toy soldiers with cards will be distributed along with a few RED Friday shirts. Nerf gun will be tried as a t-shirt gun. Need volunteers to walk alongside the parade route.
16. **Coins for Courage** - need a volunteer to handle placing of the boxes out in the community and managing them. Suggestion of placing at liquor stores initially then rotate to grocery stores. Suggestion to add QR code to paypal account for digital donations.
17. **Poker Run** - SHVFW will host a fundraiser through Allen Samuels on July 25th. Log onto their website [www.shvfw.org](http://www.shvfw.org) to learn more.
18. **Action Plan** - see attached. Add Honor Flight Cans, Ammo Boxes, Vouchers, and Parade Float.
19. **Next Meeting** – July 10th, 2020 with Brian Warner with Five Ring Wealth.