

Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs

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14 March 2018

Minutes

At 1502 Commission Chairperson Marta Ford called the monthly meeting of the Jasper County Commission of Veteran Affairs to order. Commissioners Jerry Nelson and Susan Springer were present. Commissioner Fred Dimon was absent. The others in attendance were Director Kurt Jackson, Assistant Keith Thorpe, and David Dolmage of the "Newton Daily News".

The minutes of the 14 February 2018 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or correction Marta Ford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

The Wall that Heals (31 May – 3 June 2018): Vietnam War "A Time to Honor" books will be available for veterans and family members of veterans. No documentation will be required. The vast majority of the remaining 400 books will be transported to the site of "The Wall" for distribution. A small inventory of books will be held back at the Veterans Affairs Office for future distribution.

National Training June 2 – June 8th NACVSO, Reno, Nevada: Kurt Jackson reported that registration for training, travel and hotel commendations have been paid. Everything is ready to go.

VSO Spring School April 17 – 19 2018 (Continuing Education): Kurt Jackson and Keith Thorpe will be attending Spring School 2018.

ISAC Lunch with Legislators March 14 Training 15–16: Kurt Jackson attended the noon lunch and reported that the event was more of an opportunity to have a photo taken with your legislator. The forum was not conducive for constructive conversation. He will attend the Thursday and Friday ISAC Training.

New Business:

February Budget: The February Budget was presented to the commissioners.

Directors Activity Report: Kurt Jackson's report was presented to the commissioners.

March 29th National Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day: This year a brief ceremony will take place on the south side of the courthouse at 1730. In 2018, with more time to plan an event, it was suggested that we may want to use the DMACC Auditorium for the Vietnam Veterans Recognition Day.

March 28th "Get to Know Newton" radio show interview recording: Kurt Jackson will be interviewed by Craig Armstrong. The date of the broadcast has yet to be determined.

At 1530 a motion by Jerry Nelson and Seconded by Susan Springer to go into closed session per Iowa Code 2018, Section 21.5 (i) to *review* applicants for commissioner. Motion passed unanimously. At 1549 the commission came out of closed session.

Marta Ford announced that the next meeting will be 11 April 2018 at 3PM in the Annex Building.

At 1550, Sue Springer moved to adjourn. It was seconded by Jerry Nelson. Motion Passed.

Keith N. Thorpe