

CSCP MEETING

4-12-18

SILVER SPRING,MD

Called to order by Chair Rex Moody

Pledge and moment of silence

Officer Roll Call of Officers: Moody, Gomez, Dumin, Lindbeck

Roll call of State Council Presidents

Alabama Arizona California Colorado Connecticut Florida Georgia Idaho
Indiana Kansas Kentucky Louisiana Maryland Massachusetts Michigan Minnesota
Mississippi Montana Nebraska Nevada New Jersey New Mexico New York
North Carolina North Dakota Ohio Oklahoma Oregon Pennsylvania Rhode Island
South Carolina Tennessee Texas Utah Vermont Virginia Washington West Virginia
Wisconsin

Parliamentarian-Wayne Reynolds

Ms. Parker wants to have VSVP Program needs a roster.

New State Presidents Kerwin Stone, TX, Lew Broughton, OK

New Presidents contact Dick Southern for access to Talk List

Agenda change: Dr. Hall in place of Hobbs.

Reeves may or may not be in to speak.

No discussion: carried

Motion: Accept the agenda with amendments. Montgomery, Oregon Carried

John Rowan: Visited TX State Council

Shake up in VA with Shulton leaving. Spoke at length in March at the Hill, Veterans need to be aware of what is going on in the VA. Most DR are not at the VA all the time 60% of the Dr. start at the VA. They don't keep surgeons on staff all the time. Most come from other hospitals. Private sectors are already involved.

May have a solution to the Blue Water Navy issue. Proposal to cover the cost by increasing the fee when applying for a VA home loan. This would cover the cost of the Blue Water Navy. (\$4.00).

Choice program needs to be tightened up to make it more efficient.

Dr. Hall: Put together a survey on the Vet. Center. Scheduling issues, Missing appt. Some locations if you are late you will not be heard. Putting a short survey to address the issues. The SC will get the survey to bring to the chapters. If you have some concerns contact Dr. Hall.

**Motion: To promote the survey that Dr. Hall will be submitting. Montgomery (VA)/Fleming (OR)
Carried**

Should be ready for presentation by the the October CSCP Meeting.

Leadership Conference: Wes/Stenvold: Palm Springs CA. Las Vegas was chosen and then there was a problem. Would not sign contract due to some conflicts. Renaissance Center. Airport is close to downtown. Approx. 7 minutes from hotel. Food service is high at the hotel There are numerous restaurants outside. Casino is small but has a buffet \$10-\$15. Wayne Newton on Sat. Banquet

Something to be done each night. Beach Boys tribute, Eagle (Wed) Thursday is free day., Kenny Rogers Tribute (Fri.) Spokane is going to have a new bag that we had in Jacksonville.

Grego: Heat could be a problem.

**Motion to accept the minutes of the January meeting as presented: Montgomery(VA)/Grego (AZ)
Carried.**

Break

Called to order; Wayne Reynolds; National Web Site. Jeff Greulich ,IT designer that works on VVA website. WebMaster@VVA.ORG for suggestions or problems on the concerns of the site. Copies if SC events and meetings so they can be put on the site. Navigation of the current site. Site map. Good suggestion however the site map was to large for the system. Major topics, forms in one location to access with out having to go through the entire menu.

Lengthy discussion on items to be changed or put into the site.

McGinty-FL separated the site for members vs. civilian

Nance: can we put a letter on the site for someone that is not a member and wants to know more about the VVA.

Rowan: Membership will be a long discussion at the Membership meeting tomorrow

Dr. Schwarz: Questions that affect veterans as a guide to recognize veterans problems. Need the medical community to understand and identify veterans when they come in for care.

HAVE YOU EVER SERVED.COM for information. Good suggestions to have the veteran provide their doctor.

Officer Report: Moody three times a year I ask the SC presidents for suggestions of subject matter. If you have suggestions to assist other SC. Get it out.

Dumin: Reimbursement forms to Patty by tomorrow.

Gomex: Nothing to report

Lindbeck: Nothing to Report

Lunch:

JROTC Medals and Ribbons: Dennis Howland To support the JROTC awards and ribbons. Designed to be issued to the local units. (Handout). We are in the process of working with National ROTC for authorization to be worn on uniform. Time frame for roll out. (Moody). This year hopefully.

Procedure \$5 per medal, they are 60 available from VVA National office.

Will there be a nomination form. Yes there will also be a recommendation from the JROTC staff where the program is.

Randy Reeves: National Memorial Affairs Under Secretary. Thanks all for their service and Welcome Home. National Cemetery Administration is to memorialize our veterans. 38000 vets buried in State and Tribal cemeteries . Cultural issues with Native Americans is being worked on by having three Native Americans on the board to assist in getting the proper procedures for them.

Rex presented the 40th commemoration form to Mr. Reeves. (photo)

Deb Williams handed out the Household Goods information to those states that are involved in the program.

CSCP reports as needed

Reynolds-Challenge Coin 40th Anniversary. Ordered 5000 and all are sold. Coins are popular. The program is fully funded by the sale of the coins. All SC Presidents and BOD will receive two tickets for the banquet. Dress code will be business attire.

Barry Rice: Constitution committee getting chapter officers to step up to the officers. Some states are not in compliance with those holding office for stepping up. Being referred to Constitution and Membership.

Riling: Michigan State Council Motion: Riling/Rhodes to support the website of the VVA website to public and members only. This will make it easier to navigate. Cost of putting this program in. Foote Carried

Budget update: Exceeded last year budget by \$11131. New budget will be \$140000. Defacto was set so CSCP could attend January Meeting.

Florida: Incarcerated Veteran. Yazoo wants to expand the program that Florida to the National. Also wants to know who is the incarcerated chair.

Grego: Hill visit and for the last three days made visits to some 25 congressional offices. The average meeting was between 30-45 minutes which was considered good.

Dumin,CT Problem with Budget we are broke. Trying to take 2 million from VA. Governor not supporting vets. Not running.

Nevada: Membership working on one year members. 78% LM Chapter is coming through with the 80 to bring upper. NVC raising funds is a problem and maintaining. Idea fund raiser Cook Book and can sell for \$10.

Montana: Kelsy called last month VVA accredited has been pulled from all state service officers. If I don't have a VVA state person I can not have a VVA accredited service office. Discussion on how it can be addressed.

KA: April 13 is a cancer suicide prevention program. Needs drive for Veterans. Want more Agent Orange meetings.

AZ: Privilege to serve VVA.

WA: 22 VSO in the state. Agent Orange Town Halls have been big.

TN: Formal program of the commemoration pin. Membership has increased in those involved with the 50th.

KY: April 28 dedication of the memorial wall. KY Traveling Vietnam Wall for the 1100 plus lost.

NM: Wall In a Memorial Park. Some have not been able to get a VA card.

OK: Cards may be on backorder since they may have run out of funds.

VT: SC Dropped the VSO program since it was not efficient. Fund raising still a problem.

UT: March 28 Vietnam Veterans day spent considerable time on talk radio. Vet Court is working well. Some active duty personnel are hurting with funding.

OH: Active in the state to get more members, Vet Courts and working and trying to get more started

CA: Most pressing is helping with the wall project and getting all the names and photos.

TX: 36 chapters in the state only had 26 in attendance. Harvey impacted the attendance. More chapters are holding 50 commemoration

ID: Membership form on the website for hospitalized veteran. They need to show a DD214. Next time we update the handbooks we put in liability insurance for vet and family.

MD: State council Wounded Warrior local organization that honors wounded veterans. Program that takes veterans on a boat tour in the area.

RI: Rick Weidman spoke at the State Capitol for veterans day. Could not have it on March 29 due to some scheduling problems. Moving Wall coming to a local high school for five days. SC and chapters will be there to answer questions. .

MN: St. Paul hospital has a wall in the hospital that covers Vietnam from 1945 to 1975. Fund raiser Texas Roadhouse presents meals to veterans coming out of the VA hospital.

NJ: First Town Hall was accepted very well. Working with funeral homes to intern veterans. 500 Uber cards for transportation to medical facilities.

MI: Cook books done twice and they go over well. At-Large members are still attempting to be contacted in getting the at-large members to join a chapter. USAF Selfridge AFB to provide housing and office space for returning vets to get back into civilian.

PA: Issue is the Justice System for veterans. Vet Courts are working well and have saved over 1M in not being sent to an institution.

GA: Starting new chapters, fund raiser- several festivals the most popular is Moonshine Festival,

NC: Very busy Ronnie Williams VP NCSC One Call system to get membership increased.

NB: Fund raiser some help from National and Household goods. Chapters will close since no one wants to step up. Two Vet Courts working well. Vet Reunion in August.

CO: Working with the Prison system and hoping to start a chapter there. Red Cross program to install smoke alarms in homes.

VA: October is elections for CSCP position. Letter of intent to run for office.

Motion: Montgomery/Grego Add to the CSCP handbook insurance policy on State and Chapter Events.
No Discussion Carried.

MO: No Report

OR: LM membership we chipped in \$20.00 and the chapter \$20.00 so they only pay 60.

FL: VN Vet reunion. Find out who is on Appropriation Committee since they have the funding.

MA: Doing well since we are in the State Budget. 80% wall to be built in MA.

WI: No Report

MS: January meeting we talked about the award system. They are basically for and individual. What are we doing for the chapters that are doing outstanding work. We need to have a recognition system, to be awarded anytime during the year when a chapter performs outstanding. All branches of the military have a system to do that, recognizing their actions such as a PUC. The State Council presidents should have a method of recognize those chapters, such as a flag streamer.

Adjourned to BOD Meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Richard W. Lindbeck

First motion carried

Motion 2-Website separation. Member vs. Civilian. Carried

Reynolds-concerns over how the site could be accessed.

We need to make it easier for the officers to gain the info.

Cost . Motion may not be necessary since National is working on to make it better.

CSCP meeting at the end of the BOD. Asked for the persons that were in favor of the \$50.00 membership and to move it on to the July meeting at Leadership in Palm Spring. 100%