



Sullivan County Veterans Committee

April 4, 2019 MINUTES
1:00 PM

Committee Members:

Mark McCarthy, Chair Joseph Perrello, Vice Chair Catherine Owens Nadia Rajsz Scott Samuelson

Call to Order

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
|--------------------|------------|---------|---------|
| Mark McCarthy | Chair | Absent | |
| Joseph Perrello | Vice Chair | Present | |
| Catherine Owens | Legislator | Present | |
| Nadia Rajsz | Legislator | Present | |
| Scott B. Samuelson | Legislator | Present | |

Opening Remarks - Mark McCarthy, Chairman:

Vice Chair Perrello introduced Deputy County Manager, John Liddle.

Commanders' Reports- Veterans Services Organizations:

Stephen Walsh reported that memberships are up and they are busy with fund raisers.

Mark Herbert introduced himself. He is the new Veteran Advocate for ATI and he gave a brief report.

John Lacy reported that his post is getting ready for Memorial Day.

Bob Owens gave a brief report.

Alan Berg reported that May 5th will be a free breakfast. They will be placing flags in the beginning of May and will be holding four or five ceremonies.

Howie Goldsmith reported that the Coalition will be taking two veterans and another person to the Honor Flight.

Les Kristt spoke about the Monticello rotary Monster Run which will be held on August 4, 2019 and asked that this day be designated as Patriot's Day 2019.

Director's Reports:

1. Veterans Service Agency April Agenda

Director John Crotty reported that his office is very busy.

2. New Decision Appeal Process

John Crotty reported that there are new forms.

3. **Blue Water Navy Appeals Court Decision (Procopio v. Wilkie)**

John Crotty reported that this has been going on since 2002. The VA misinterpreted the original laws and they need to apply the rules and regulations as Congress made them. He further discussed the claim process.

4. **Centralized Mail Disaster**

John Crotty reported that the VA is working on this.

5. **New 21-4140 Annual Questionnaire Notification for IU Veteran**

John Crotty explained and that this will no longer have to be filled out every year.

6. **New hours for VA Urgent Care Montrose-Castle Point 8-8, 8-6 WE**

John Crotty stated that there are reduced hours and he further discussion emergency room care.

7. **Memorial Day 5/27/19-Please Inform Our Office of Post Events**

John Crotty requested that all posts notify his office of their events. Flags are placed on every Veteran's grave. Volunteers are needed to help. Mr. Crotty asked that his office be informed of all events.

Resolution-None:

Public Comment

Adjourn



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VETERANS SERVICE AGENCY REPORT April 4, 2019

1. Veterans transported to V.A. Medical Centers:

| | <u>Albany</u> | <u>Castle Point</u> |
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| January | 21 | 73 |
| February | 16 | 70 |

2. Veterans/Dependents buried in Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery through February 28, 2019:

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| Veterans Buried Alone. | 1056 |
| Dependents. | 122 |
| Veterans/Spouses. | 512 |
| Total Burials in Veterans Cemetery. | 1690 |

3. Contacts:

January 62
February 30

Applications:

January 7
February 5

4. Homeless Veterans:

January 9
February 9

5. New Veterans

January 0
February 4