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VAVS COMMITTEE MEETING
Quarterly Scheduled Meeting

Convened: 2:00 p.m.

November 5, 2018

Adjourned: 3:00 p.m.

I. MEETING OPENING:

Beverly Conatser, Chief of Voluntary Service chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Monetary donations were presented as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>GPF</u>
Military Order of the Purple Heart Ladies Aux.	\$ 750	4030
Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 750	4011
Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 500	4004
American Gold Star Mothers	\$ 150	4030
Sons of the American Revolution	\$ 250	4030
Marine Corps League Auxiliary	\$ 100	4236

III. ATTENDANCE:

STAFF

Beverly Conatser
Michelle Schlup
Kevin Swallow
Jayson Bower
Stephen Sparr
Jenny Smallbone
Dr. Parekh

Chief, Voluntary Service
Acting Associate Director
Assistant Director
Voluntary Service Specialist
Voluntary Service Specialist
Voluntary Service Specialist
Director Employee Health

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Nereida Senkbeil
Sarah Nowitzke
Brian Hayes

Social Worker
Social Worker
Public Affairs Officer

GUESTS

Don Miller
James Van Horn
Gary Bourdeau
David Gaines
Allen Dyer
Deborah Cleavinger
Stewart Israel

American Legion
Elks
Forty & Eight
Cootie Aux.
VVA
BVA
Elks

IV. MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Acting Associate Director, Michelle Schlup, MSN, RN, provided the management report to the committee.

- a. Ms. Schlup greeted the committee and shared she will be our Acting Associate Director until Thanksgiving and Mr. Chris Cauley has been selected as our permanent Associate Director.
- b. Fisher House: Construction is slated to break ground in 2019 with tentative completion spring 2020.
- c. Construction: VAAHS is currently undergoing a total renovation of the main entrance to the facility to provide a state-of-the-art Veteran Welcome Center. The estimated completion date is February 2019. Also, we have a new clinical addition being built on the west side of the building. This new project will have space for Voluntary Service and Environmental Management Service in the basement, Outpatient Pharmacy on the first floor and Orthopedics on the second floor. In addition, the contract for the new parking structure has been awarded. This will provide ample parking for Veterans, volunteers, visitors and all staff.
- d. Budget: FY 2018 completed with a balanced budget and FY 2019 the budget looks good for funding all current projects, FTEE and initiatives.

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the VAVS Committee meeting of August 13, 2018 were approved.

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VI. CERTIFICATIONS AND RE-CERTIFICATION:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Walter Owiesny	Rep	Polish Legion American Veterans	Indefinite
George Kennedy	Dep	Polish Legion American Veterans	Indefinite
Norman Jewell	Rep	Marine Corps League	12/31/2020
Robert Stewart	Dep	Marine Corps League	12/31/2020

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

Dr. Nikhil Parekh provided an overview of the Whole Health Initiative. Whole Health is an approach to healthcare that empowers and equips Veterans to take charge of their health and well-being, and live their life to the fullest. The program focuses on what the Veteran wants to be able to accomplish with their life and suggests a pathway to achieve their goal through complementary health approaches (acupuncture, meditation, yoga, etc.).

Sarah Nowitzke and Nereida Senkbeil gave a brief overview of the Warrior to Soul Mate (W2SM) program. The program offers Veterans and their significant others a chance to reconnect through participation in the program. The program uses practical application on intimate relationship skills that bring hope and healing to Veterans and their loved ones. If anyone is interested in donating or helping with this program, please contact Sarah Nowitzke at 734-845-5463 or donate to GPF 4003 W2SM.

VIII. VAVS COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT/TREASURY REPORT:

Mariann Hamann, Secretary/Treasurer, VAVS Executive Committee, provided the financial report. The balance in the VAVS General Post Fund (4004) as of the last meeting was \$6,699.13. There were three expenditures for the POW/MIA program: Kroger (\$147.29), GFS (\$190.91), and Kroger (\$230.10). There was one donation: MOPH (\$500), leaving a current balance of \$6,630.83. The Committee approved the report.

IX. ANNUAL JOINT REVIEWS:

November

American Legion Auxiliary
Jewish War Veterans
Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary
PLAV Auxiliary

January

AMVETS
Masonic Service Association
Polish Legion of American Veterans
Sons of the American Legion
Sons of the American Revolution

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February

Marine Corps League

Military Order of the Cootie

X. VOLUNTEER REPORT:

Ms. Conatser shared the FY18 Voluntary Service statistics with the committee. There were 717 volunteers logging hours; total volunteer hours were 69,297 (33 FTEE); monetary donations were \$129,000; In-Kind donations were \$497,000. Total Resource impact was \$2,300,000; 277 volunteers were recruited.

XI. VAVS NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS:

- a. National Salute to Veterans Week, February 10 - 16, 2019 - information only:
Ms. Conatser reminded the committee that National Salute week is approaching and we will begin reaching out to local guests to visit during that time. In addition, the Military Order of the Cooties will hold their annual Grand Cootie Day during this time. If your organization is interested in visiting, please let Beverly, Steve or Jayson know.
- b. VAVS Committee/EA (Employee Association) Basket Raffle:
The committee previously approved the combined event. The dates are now set for December 12th and 13th. The Executive committee proposed we have a bake sale on the 12th and hot dogs/kielbasa and sloppy joes on the 13th. The Committee approved the recommendation. If you are interested in helping at the event, please notify the staff in Voluntary Service office.

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ms. Conatser informed the committee that plans are continuing for the Veterans Day Program. LtCol Sarah Deal has been confirmed as our keynote speaker. LtCol Deal is the first woman aviator for the USMC. Congresswoman Dingell will be attending as well as a representative from the offices of Senator Stabenow and Peters and the Mayor of Ann Arbor. The event will take place on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the auditorium.


Ms. Conatser reported that the Volunteer Caregiver Respite Program is growing rapidly and has acquired 40 Veterans and 30 Volunteers to participate in the program. Volunteers receive specialized respite training and are matched with a Veteran in their community to provide a break of two to four hours to the caregiver. Those interested in the program should contact Ms. Smallbone in Voluntary Service at (734) 845-5860 or by email at jennifer.smallbone@va.gov. The following areas are looking for volunteer placements: Howell, Riverview, Ann Arbor, Taylor, Wixom, Manitou Beach, New Boston and Flushing.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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The next VAVS Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium, which is located in the basement (accessible using the Liberty elevators).



JAYSON BOWER
Recorder



BEVERLY CONATSER
Deputy Chairperson



KEVIN D. SWALLOW, MPA
Chairperson

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Attendance Summary FY 2019

**VA ANN ARBOR HEALTHCARE SYSTEM
ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN 48105**

CUMULATIVE ATTENDANCE RECORD

GINNY L. CREASMAN, Pharm.D., FACHE
Director

BEVERLY CONATSER
Chief, Voluntary Service

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<u>Organization</u>	<u>Appointment/ Termination</u>	<u>R/D</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>AMERICAN GOLD STAR MOTHERS</u>							
CAROL JOHNSON	IND	R	P				25%
EVELYN BURGESS	IND	D	P				
<u>AMERICAN LEGION</u>							
JAMES LONG	IND	R	P				25%
<u>AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY</u>							
KRYSTAL HALL	IND	R	P				25%
ETHEL PUTALA	IND	D	P				
VI GRZYBOWSKI	IND	A	-				
<u>AMERICAN RED CROSS</u>							
MAGDALENA CONNER	IND	D	P				25%
PATRICK THRASHER	IND	R	-				
JESSICA WHEELER	IND	D	-				
<u>AMVETS</u>							
KARL GABRYS	7/31/2018	D	P				25%
<u>AMVETS AUXILIARY</u>							
PAT KRZESOWIK	IND	R	P				25%
<u>BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS</u>							
KAREN VAN HORN	IND	R	P				25%
ROBERT COUSINO	IND	D	P				

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Appointment/ Termination</u>	<u>R/D</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>May</u>	<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>BLINDED VETERANS ASSOCIATION</u>							
CHARLES CLEAVINGER	IND	R	P				25%
<u>CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS</u>							
DOUGLAS SCAVIO	IND	R	P				25%
KENNETH TOMCZAK	IND	D	P				
<u>CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS AUXILIARY</u>							
RENEE RYGALSKI	IND	R	-				0%
<u>DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION</u>							
KATHY PRESECAN	8/31/2019	R	P				25%
SUE ELLEN NORTHEY-ANDREWS	8/31/2019	D	P				
<u>DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS</u>							
FLORENCIO LOPEZ	12/31/2018	D	-				0%
JESSE MAYO	12/31/2018	R	-				
<u>DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS AUXILIARY</u>							
ANNA LOCKWOOD	12/31/2019	R	-				0%
<u>FORTY ET EIGHT</u>							
TIMOTHY DRISCOLL	IND	R	P				25%
<u>JEWISH WAR VETERANS OF THE U.S.A.</u>							
MITCHELL RYCUS	IND	D	-				0%
ALAN KIMMEL	IND	R	-				
<u>MARINE CORPS LEAGUE</u>							
NORMAN JEWELL	IND	R	-				0%
ROBERT STEWART	IND	D	-				
<u>MARINE CORPS LEAGUE AUXILIARY</u>							
GERRI TUOHY	IND	R	P				25%

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<u>MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION</u>							
RONALD KING	IND	R	-				25%
DAVID MELTON	IND	D	P				
<u>MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE</u>							
ERIC BELL	IND	R	P				25%
RUSSELL MAKOWSKI	IND	D	P				
<u>MILITARY ORDER OF THE COOTIE AUXILIARY</u>							
ROSE HAMILTON	IND	R	-				25%
DEBORAH GAINES	IND	D	P				
<u>MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART</u>							
NICHOLAS LUXON	IND	R	-				0%
<u>MILITARY ORDER OF THE PURPLE HEART AUX</u>							
JOYCE LUXON	IND	R	P				25%
<u>NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION</u>							
JAMES PETRES	IND	R	P				25%
<u>POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS</u>							
WALTER OWIESNY	IND	R	-				0%
GEORGE KENNEDY	IND	D	-				
<u>POLISH LEGION OF AMERICAN VETERANS LADIES AUXILIARY</u>							
DOLORES LYBIK	IND	R	-				0%
JANET TCHORZ	IND	D	-				
<u>ROLLING THUNDER, INC.</u>							
THOMAS GOMEZ	IND	R	-				0%
<u>SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION</u>							
PHILIP McCASKEY	6/24/2019	R	-				25%
RUSSELL BAYLISS	1/26/2020	D	P				
JOHN HELMINSKI	6/24/2019	D	P				
<u>THE SALVATION ARMY</u>							
MAJOR MARY ANN WOOD	IND	R	P				25%
MARLA CONKIN	IND	D	-				

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<u>UAW REGION 1A VETERANS COUNCIL</u>							
LYLE TINDALL	IND	R	-				25%
PETE SEMSEDINI	IND	D	-				
DON NEUMANN	IND	D	P				
CURT STEENBEKE	IND	D	-				
<u>VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS</u>							
ROSS MEDOS	IND	R	-				0%
<u>VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS AUXILIARY</u>							
MARIANN HAMANN	IND	R	P				25%
SANDRA MEDOS	IND	D	-				
<u>VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA</u>							
JOHN KINZINGER	IND	R	-				0%
DALE LUEBKE	IND	D	-				
<u>WASHTENAW COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERANS</u>							
MARK LINDKE	IND	R	-				0%

SYMBOLS:

P = Present

D = Deputy Representative

- = Absent

A = Associate Representative

E = Excused

H = Honorary Representative

* = No Certified Rep. or Dep. Appointed

AD = Associate Deputy Representative

R = Representative

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY: The following is quoted from the VHA Handbook 1620.1, February 12, 2010, DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS VOLUNTARY SERVICE PROCEDURES, Chapter 9.b.(6)

Termination of Membership. Organizations will be removed from the VAVS Committee when none of the certified members is in attendance at three consecutive meetings. Membership can be renewed with a letter of certification to the facility Director indicating the attendance requirement will be met. Representatives-at-large and the nonaffiliated Representative will be removed from the membership listing when they miss three consecutive meetings.

