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VAVS COMMITTEE MEETING
Quarterly Scheduled Meeting

Convened: 2:00 p.m.

November 4, 2019

Adjourned: 3:30 p.m.

I. MEETING OPENING:

Stephen Sparr, Acting Chief of Voluntary Service, chaired the meeting, welcomed everyone, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. INTRODUCTIONS/SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Sparr introduced two new Voluntary Services Specialists, Laurie Ferguson and Adam Kraft.

Monetary donations were presented as follows:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>GPF</u>
Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 1000	4226
Military Order of the Purple Heart	\$ 1000	4011
Military Order of the Purple Heart Aux	\$ 500	4236

III. ATTENDANCE:

STAFF

Zana Bouda
Stephen Sparr
Laurie Ferguson
Adam Kraft
Joe Cafferty
April LaRock

Assistant Director
Acting Chief, Voluntary Service
Voluntary Service Specialist
Voluntary Service Specialist
Program Specialist
Fisher House Manager

GUESTS

Della Steege
Stewart Israel

VFW Auxiliary State President
Elks #41780

IV. MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Assistant Director, Zana Bouda MHA, RHIA, provided the management report to the committee.

- a. Mr. Bouda gave updates on the VA's suicide prevention and access to care initiatives.
- b. Fisher House: Construction is nearly complete with a tentative open house set for spring 2020.
- c. Construction: VAAHS is currently finishing a clinical addition with an opening date of December 2019. The parking structure project will add 300 spaces and will be open in December 2019. ICU renovation completion in Winter 2020. Construction on the new administration building is underway and the new west side addition and 8th floor renovation is just getting underway.
- d. Outreach Events: Ann Arbor Pride, Vet Fest, Veteran Resources Fair, Emergency Preparedness Fair, Hire MI Vet.

V. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

The minutes of the VAVS Committee meeting of August 6, 2019 were approved.

VI. CERTIFICATIONS AND RE-CERTIFICATION:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Expiration</u>
Jacqueline Ransom	Rep	Blue Star Mothers of America	Indefinite
George Kennedy	Rep	Polish Legion of American Veterans	Indefinite
Robert Stevenson	Dep	Polish Legion of American Veterans	Indefinite
Rich Rychlik	Rep	Project Healing Waters	Indefinite

VII. STAFF REPORTS:

Mr. Joe Cafferty gave an update on My Life My Story (MLMS), a program designed to document a Veterans story in 1000 words or less, to decrease provider burnout and give Veterans an opportunity to tell their story. Their MLMS will be featured in the Veterans medical record. Mr. Cafferty also briefed the VAVS Committee on the Health Systems vSignals. The vSignals report showed that the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System was generally rated higher than the average VA.

Mrs. April LaRock, Fisher House Manager gave an update on the Fisher House. The VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System will be the location of Michigan's first Fisher House. The Fisher House will have 16 rooms for Veteran families to stay while their loved ones receive treatment. Upon completion, the Fisher House will be gifted to the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System and leadership will take over the property and provide staff. If interested, Mrs. LaRock is looking for regularly scheduled volunteers to act as a: kitchen coordinator, guest relations assistant, and a gardening/outdoor assistant. Occasional Volunteers can also help with seasonal decorating, family dinners, special events and landscaping. The Fisher House is expected to open June 2020 and cannot accept donations until a GPF is established and the Fisher House is turned over to local leadership.

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 \$6,810.64. There were three expenditures for the Veterans Day program: Kroger (\$408.96), Kroger (\$190.91), and Wholesale Personal Products (\$557.55) bringing our ending balance to \$5,675.34.

IX. ANNUAL JOINT REVIEWS:

November

American Legion Auxiliary

Jewish War Veterans

Ladies Auxiliary, Polish Legion of American Veterans, U.S.A

Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars

January

AMVETS

Masonic Service Association

Polish Legion of American Veterans

Sons of the American Legion

Sons of the American Revolution

X. VOLUNTEER REPORT:

Mr. Sparr shared the Q4 Voluntary Service statistics with the committee. There were 359 volunteers logging hours; total volunteer hours were 16,091; monetary donations were \$20,804; In-Kind donations were \$63,615.

XI. VAVS NEW BUSINESS/DISCUSSIONS:

a. VAVS Committee/EA (Employee Association) Basket Raffle:

The committee previously approved the combined event. The dates are now set for December 12th and 13th. There will be a bake sale and hot dogs/kielbasa and sloppy joes on both days. If you are interested in helping at the event, please notify the staff in Voluntary Service office.

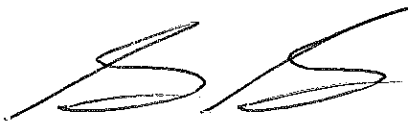
XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

The next VAVS Committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 3, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium, which is located in the basement (accessible using the Liberty elevators).



ADAM KRAFT
Recorder



STEPHEN SPARR, CAVS
Deputy Chairperson



ZANA BOUDA, MHA, RHIA
Chairperson