

# **Beverly Veterans Council**

## **Meeting Minutes**

June 23 @ 5pm  
Veteran Services Office

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### **I. Call to order**

Buddy Rehal called the meeting to order at 5:03pm on June 23, 2022 at the office of the Beverly Veterans Agent.

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### **II. Roll call**

Susan Moran conducted a roll call. The following persons were present:

#### **Veteran Council Members:**

Buddy Rehal, Vice President  
David Perinchief, VSO  
Susan Moran  
Cory Paulette  
Chuck Clark  
Ron Genest  
Bob Laws  
Jan Pierce

Jerry Guilebbe, President – medical leave

#### **Advisory Members and Guests:**

Bruce Doig, Parks and Recreation Commissioner

### **III. Approval of minutes from last meeting**

David Perinchief made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion was seconded and carried.

### **IV. Financial Report**

The account balance is \$13,414.89. There has been no change since the last meeting.

### **V. Unfinished Business**

- a) Memorial Day Recap – The Memorial Day parade was well attended and it helped the Posts to be able to attend events in other cities. Cory Paulette felt that it was a good idea to change the date but a reverse 911 call should have been sent out earlier than Sunday night. Buddy Rehal received some complaints from post members about moving the date because it is a tradition to have the parade on Memorial Day.

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Next year, David Perinchief plans to connect with all the restaurants on Cabot Street to see if they can do a Memorial Parade luncheon with outdoor seating. He is also trying to connect with all the recruiting commands to try and start Warrior Weekend to back up the parade. He would like to try to bring out all military bands over the weekend at Lynch Park. If recruiting commands come, they can set up their 18-wheelers, display items, etc. The Warrior Run which has 3,000 bikers is going to jump on board.

Chuck Clark requested to have the veterans march with the Italian-American Band because the marching band is too fast. Girl Scouts are at the front of the parade to set the pace. The Italian-American band will be put up front with the Girl Scouts to set the pace.

- b) Flag Etiquette for Girl Scout Troop – Ron Genest and Buddy Rehal are putting together a program and they will reach out when it is ready.
- c) Flag Day at the Elks– Per Bob Laws, it went very well. The Mayor’s Chief of Staff, David Perinchief, Senator Lovely, and Jerry Parisella attended. Jerry Guilebbe was given an award that was accepted by his sister. There were about 35-40 people in attendance.
- d) Independence Park Sign – The sign belongs to the Historical Society. It is between the Mayor’s office and the Historical Society. Per Bruce Doig, we need to get permission from the Historical Society to replace it. David Perinchief will follow up with Jocelyn, Chief of Staff.
- e) Vietnam Veterans Plaza – David Perinchief will reach out to Mike Collins regarding the sign. They have the design and are trying to get the sign made.
- f) Council Meetings – Buddy Rehal spoke with the City Solicitor’s office. If an item is not on the agenda, then it cannot be discussed as the meeting.

### **VI. New business**

- a) Toys for Tots – David Perinchief has been working with Toys for Tots. He got in touch with the head director and they have agreed to let the Veterans Services office become a year-round drop off. Bruce Doig and Mayor

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Cahill's office have given the ok. We are waiting on who our liaison will be and with staff will be coordinating with David. Clear storage containers will be needed to store the toys in the attic and basement. They also have a school program for low income kids which we will start working with. They also have a Native American program. If there are any children in the school system with Native American backgrounds there are programs and scholarships available. Once it is locked in as to who our liaison will be, we will call the news and Mike Collins will put up a sign.

- b) Horses Healing Hearts – Jan Pierce spoke to two women involved with Horses Healing Hearts. They will be providing two fiords will be corralled at Lynch Park during the Lobster Festival. They will be set up the night before on 8/2/22. Per Bruce Doig, the set up will need to be at 4pm due to the Lip Sync Contest. The Veterans Council table can be next to the horses.

### **VII. Good of the Council**

- a) Per Bob Laws, the Elks cannot participate in the cookout this year.
- b) Per Bob Laws, Jerry Guilebbe is home from the hospital and is doing good. He cannot wait to get back to work and back to the meetings.
- c) Chuck Clark found some more Gold Star Families in Beverly. He spoke to Joanne Leslie. Her son, Kevin John Leslie, was killed in plane crash. Harold Simmons son, Bret Simmons, was murdered in 1994 either the day before he got out of the air force or the day after. Cory Paulette would like these two veterans recognized. An invitation to the cookout will be sent to the families and wreaths will be sent to their homes for Memorial Day.
- d) Buddy Rehal would like to thank David Perinchief for coordinating the Memorial Day Parade. He would also like to thank everyone that participated in the placing of the flags this year. Buddy would like to give certificates for groups that helped out.

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Chuck Clark made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:59pm.

Minutes submitted by: Susan Moran