

# Waukesha COUNTY

VETERAN'S SERVICES  
A DIVISION OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson  
Mr. Patrick Craney  
Mr. Eric Holmes  
Mr. Thomas A. Ludka, Secretary

**VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION MINUTES  
MEETING, SEPTEMBER 22, 2015**

**TIME: 8:30 A.M.**

Mr. James Kebisek, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

**REVIEW MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2015**

The minutes of the April 29, 2015 meeting were reviewed. There were no corrections to the minutes.

Mr. Eric Holmes made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Patrick Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**CASE #KRV, (26789)**

This is 60 year old Vietnam era veteran who served in the Navy.

His current apartment manager will not renew his lease and he is in need of the balance of \$586 of a \$786 security deposit and first month's rent for an apartment that will be available for him October 1, 2015. The rent for this apartment will be \$286 per month. The veteran should have no problem making this rent payment with his Social Security Disability and his VA pension.

The Veterans Service Office is asking for a one-time payment of \$586 for the security deposit and balance of first month's rent. There is currently \$8,900 in the Commission Fund. There will be a balance of \$8,314 if this payment is approved.

**\$ 586.00 WESTGROVE APARTMENTS, ACCOUNT #150-360-8590-8592-6553**

Mr. Holmes made a motion to approve the recommendation. Mr. Craney seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Ludka updated the Commissioners on the gift cards available to our veterans. The biggest need is food cards with gas cards following. Currently, there are eight Pick & Save cards and five Kwik Trip gas cards available. Mr. Ludka suggested purchasing another \$400 in gift cards (\$300 for food and \$100 for gas). Discussion followed.

An Auxiliary organization sent a check for veterans with families who have a financial need. This funding does not need to be approved by the Commissioners. The Auxiliary has stipulated the Veterans Service Office advise them on how the money is used. It was determined that this fund would be tapped to purchase food and gas cards.

Mr. Holmes asked what services our Waukesha County veterans come to our office seeking. Mr. Ludka advised three groups:

1. Younger veterans come to be advised of veteran benefits and to file claims.
2. Middle group is basically Vietnam era veterans looking to file Agent Orange related claims.
3. Older war-time veterans are looking to file for a pension which is based on a financial need.

Mr. Ludka explained the process for filing a claim and using a representative at the Milwaukee Regional Office which allows our office to check on the claim.

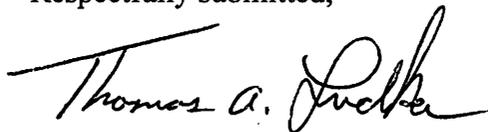
Mr. Ludka reviewed the 2014 Annual Report with the Commissioners. He also advised the Commissioners of the requirements/changes for the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs Grant.

There was no other business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kebisek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 A.M. The motion was seconded by Mr. Craney. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Ludka, Secretary  
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