

**VETERANS SERVICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, April 5, 2018, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Room 207C, Douglas County Courthouse,**  
**1313 Belknap Street, Superior, Wisconsin**

Meeting called to order by Chair Marvin Finendale.

**ROLL CALL:** Present – Marvin Finendale, John Robinson, Mary Lou Bergman, Jill Fortin, Eual Moore, Glen Erickson, Clint Mattson (arrived 1:02 p.m.). Absent – Jim Paine. Others present – Brian Erickson, Mark Liebaert, Pat Ryan, Matt Markon, Tom Dalbec, Roxy Mattson, Kaci Lundgren, Committee Clerk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion by Bergman, second Robinson, to approve minutes from the October 19, 2017, meeting. Motion carried.

**ACTION ITEM:**

**Meeting Dates/Times:** It works well to have meeting same date as Administration Committee.

**ACTION:** Motion by Bergman, second Robinson, to hold meetings bi-monthly, the first Thursday at 1p.m. Motion carried.

**INFORMATIONAL:**

**Veteran Emergency Protocol:** Arrested veterans are typically contacted by Veterans Service Officer (VSO) when self-identified at jail booking; many inmates do not identify as veterans for fear of embarrassment among other reasons. Dalbec to research more options to assist in identifying veterans and present to next meeting. Officers in the field are taught how to react to Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), when responding to a need. Additional training in the area of PTSD may be beneficial for officers; Service member Emergency Response Team (SERT) is a potential avenue for low-cost officer training. Markon to distribute VSO business cards to officers and discuss veteran care when responding to calls.

**December Veterans Expo:** Upcoming veteran's expo to be held April 24, 2018. Daniel Zimmerman, Secretary of Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs, to hold discussion at 1 p.m. Committee members invited to talk with veterans and ask for suggestions on improvement with local veteran care. Offering transportation to event may gather additional response.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Emergency protocol follow-up; veteran needs/care center; VSO report; expo review.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Robinson, second Bergman, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

Submitted by,

Kaci Jo Lundgren, Committee Clerk