

VAVS/VHVS COMMITTEE
Subcommittee to VA&R
February 15, 2008

The meeting of the Department VAVS/VHVS committee was call to order by Chairman Ron Pearson at 1:00 p.m. February 15, 2008 at the Holiday Inn South Lansing, Michigan The following member were present:

Ron Pearson, chairman - Jacobetti Home
Henry Altman - Saginaw
John Hyatt - Grand Rapids
Curtis Wynn - Detroit

Excused:

Art Mitchell - Iron Mountain
Orv Stevens - Battle Creek

Absent:

Murl Eastman - Ann Arbor

It was by Altman and supported by Wynn that the minutes of the September 14,2007 meeting of the department VAVS/VHVA Committee be approved. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jacobetti Home - Pearson: Many events are being held such as valentine and Las Vegas parties. Veterans of the home continue getting into community by attending sporting events, and visiting many posts in the area.

Volunteering remains strong at Jacobetti with over 1300 hours of service from Posts 114 Greenwood, 349 Little Lake, and 44 Marquette. These hours come from both the Legion and the Sons of The American Legion.

Support for the Home remains strong, in the last three months have received monies from Little Lake, Rock, Rapid River, Hulbert, Marquette, Manistique and Squadron 349.

Iron Mountain: The VA opened a forty bed domicile care unit and there is talk that top two floors will housing Veteran from Walter Reed Hospital.

Grand Rapids - Hyatt: Two hundred and fifty food baskets passed out during Christmas. Singing groups sang during Christmas and Valentine day. Had a carnival in Eaton Rapids and many veteran from Grand Rapids home were in attendance. Starting rebuild the Gato area at the Home to look like the turn of the century to cost around \$50,000 to \$100,000 dollars.

Detroit VA - Wynn: Had a birthday for a 100 year old veteran, many cards received. Winter coats are being given to domicile care people and an example was shown during the meeting. Using the van to transport veterans to church services in community. A date calendar was given to show the many events that are happening at the VA.

Saginaw VA - Altman two C-Blocks starting in Clair and Alpena. Doing monthly bingo on the third Thursday of the month. Received \$900.00 Dollars from the S.A.L. and it was use for sweat shirts and pants and phone cards.

No reports from Ann Arbor or Battle Creek.

OLD BUSINESS

Talked about funding from S.A.L. and making sure it is recorded. Receive \$900.00 dollars each year from the Sons Of The American Legion.

NEW BUSINESS

Funding cut at state facilities. Jacobetti Veterans home received a \$172,000.00 cut in their budget

VAVS/VHVS Dept. budget, received from R. Browne, finance Chairman to have committee budget in by March 17,2008 and special projects the committee may be doing.

It was recommend that the VAVS/VHVS committee meet prior to the VA&R committee. The VAVS?VHVS cannot report to the VA&R if it is meeting the same time.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to come before this committee, it was moved by wynn and supported by Hyatt the meeting be adjourned at 1:51P.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Altman
Secretary



Ron Pearson
Chairman