

**U.S. Military Veterans Advisory Committee**  
**Wednesday, January 9, 2019 11: 05 AM**  
**Dunedin Community Center – Admin Conference Meeting Room**

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Sid Damsgard (Chair/ALG Commander), Larri Gerson (Secretary/VAM), Mal Clingan (VM/MOPH JFK1963), Sandi Sunter (Committee on Aging/M), Chester Pyatt (Commander VFW Post 2550), Father Bob Swick (Vice Chair/VM), Lori Badders (M), Dillard M. Jones “Mike” (A/M), Edward Hughes (Cares).

**Members Absent:** Pastor Jason Knott (Pastor), Barry Covers (A/M), Mary Ann Keller (V/M), Peter Krulder (VM).

**City Staff:** Lanie Sheets (Parks & Recreation Superintendent), Director Vince Gizzi.

**Guests:** None

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Sid Damsgard (Chair) **Inspiration:** Father Bob Swick

**Guest Speaker:** None

**Approval of minutes of November 7, 2018 meeting**

**Mtn.:** Approval of the minutes of November 7, 2018 meeting.

**By:** Mal Clingan

**2nd:** Father Bob Swick

**Approved:** Unanimous - Yes

**Old Business:**

**1. Update on relocation of Purple Heart monument.**

**Info:** Director Gizzi reports costs for movement approximately \$30K: 1. City in for \$10K, 2. Donor, no commitment with in-kind donation, 3. VFW- Commander Pyatt is possible, need to talk with VFW membership.

**2. Dunedin’s Veterans Parade 2019**

**Info:** Discussion was held with 3 options: 1. Join the Sgt Eric Landon Stop Soldier Suicide 5k run. 2. Hold our own event with one of the local service organizations. 3. Or do nothing. Recommendation: contact the organizers of the 5K run to see if this committee can assist with this event as participants and volunteer.

**New Business:**

**1. Recommend to Re-appoint members for another term – remove member missed meetings**

**Mtn.:** Reappoint the following members for another term: Father Bob Swick (Vice Chair/VM), Lori Badders (M), Mary Ann Keller (V/M).

**By:** Larri Gerson

**2nd:** Mal Clingman

**Approved:** Unanimous – Yes

**Mtn.:** Replace following member for no show 6 meetings: Barry Covers (V/AM)

**By:** Father Bob Swick

**2nd:** Mal Clingman

**Approved:** Unanimous - Yes

### **3. Discuss whether to meet every month.**

**Discussion:** Whether or not to meet every other month. Next meeting March 6, 2019

**Mtn.:** At the conclusion of every meeting, the Chair will discuss whether or not to meet the following month.

**By:** Father Bob Swick

**2nd:** Mike Jones

**Approved:** Unanimous - Yes

### **4. Approve Veteran Decal:**

Honu owner Kimberly Platt filled out Veteran Friendly Business offering discount – approved.

### **5. Denied Veteran Decal:**

Country Mgt Inc was denied because business not physically in Dunedin. Operating out of the VFW does not qualify.

### **Announcements:**

1. Lori Badders: recommend speaker, Jill Stevenson. Possible for March meeting. (15 mins)
2. Father Bob Swick: reported the positive community support for the 1100 Coast Guard members who did not receive a paycheck due to the government shutdown.
3. Director Vince Gizzi – The Dunedin Stadium to shutdown April 2019 due to construction and the Dunedin Blue Jays will operate out of the Jack Russell Stadium. 4th July Fireworks will not happen at the Stadium in 2019. Staff is continuing to look for an alternate location.

### **Agenda for next meeting:**

1. Review U.S. Military Veterans Advisory Committee Resolution establishing this committee.
2. Annual election of Officers.
3. Recommend 2 new members
4. Discussion about the Annual Committee Report, committee review, report to Commission.
5. Dunedin's Veterans Parade 2019 - Update

**Next meeting date:** Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 11am.

**Adjournment:** 12:20 pm.