

MILITARY/VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA

Minutes of the 7 October 2011 Meeting at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

Members Present: Dennis Danielson, NARFE, Emmy Huffman, Senator Lugar's Office, Christy Broady, WCMP, Jim Davis, MOAA, Ron Martin, VFW, Bill Ensign, MOAA, ROA, George Simpson, PVA, Richard Simers, PVA, Jack Beaty, KWVA#259, Joe Ryan, MOAA, Harold Henneke, AFA, Mil Compo, AFA, Bob Tate, AFA, Brandi Carron, PHV, Tine Martin, KWVA, Tom Banks, VFW, Russ Eaglin, Mayors Office.

President Ron Martin opened the meeting at 0930 hours.

Minutes of 9 September were approved.

2012 Legislative Goals: Copy given to the Big 4 and no exceptions were noted. Study group is still meeting on SB-39 (how do we keep retirees in Indiana). Currently there are 20 items before this study group.

Weir Cook Memorial Project: Christy Broady reported they have about \$3,000 presently in the fund. A check of \$700 was received from the Service Club. Other grants have been submitted. Christy is going to Florida in Dec to meet with Fantasy of Flight. VFW of Hamilton County to raffle off a motorcycle as a fundraiser.

VA Veteran House: 14 Oct. at 2:00 will be the ribbon cutting and open house for the public at 2:30.

Coalition By-Laws: Remains a work in progress with committee reviewing items.

Retiree / Vet Appreciation Day is 12 Nov and is sponsored by Senator Lugar's office and the MilVet Coalition. Senator Lugar will speak at 0915 and followed by Commander of Camp Atterbury, MG Cliff Tuley. Flu shots will be available. Vet Day will be at the DFAS building with 28 booths assigned. RSVP is required for the luncheon.

Upcoming Events: 6 NOV, Honoring Our Veterans at Flanner and Buchannan, 3:30 to 5:30 on 10612 E. Washinton St. Complimentary dinner is provided for all attendees. RSVP's taken thru 1 NOV 2011.

19 OCT- Medal of Honor Bridge (10th Street by the VA Hospital) will be dedicated with service at 0900 at the War Memorial (bus available to bridge). 9 Medal of Honor recipients will attend.

26 Oct- Committee on Veteran Affairs will meet to discuss legislative actions.

11 NOV-Vet banquet at Primo's South and parade at 1100 downtown.

Next Meeting: Nov 4, 2011