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Minutes of the May 5, 2017 Meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

Members Present: Ron Martin, VFW; Jim Bauerle, ROA; Milan Tesaviovich, CHPA; Roger Vandrey, MOAA; Jordan Isaacs, Sen Donley's office; Steve Perry, Forward March; Ron Wilson, HCV; Andy Gothreau, MOAA; Debrah Kendrick, VA Nat. Cemetery; Dennis Danielson, NARFE; Marge Washburn, NGAI; Mike McDerrah, Sons of AmVets; Tim Cahoon, TCVC; Larry Shaw, MOPH; Lori Turpin, INVSOA; Emmy Hildebrand, HVAF; Holly Tookolo, AVVA; Amy Bayliff, PFC; and Richard Leirer, VFW.

Chairman Ron Martin opened the meeting at 0930 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of April 7, 2017 approved.

ACTION ITEMS:

Legislative Activities: A list of all Veteran Bills passed by the General Assembly was provided to all present and a synopsis of each was discussed in detail.

In particular:

- SB 307 Vet Pref for employment and training – Dept of WorkForce Development needs more guidance. We will plan a meeting with them.
- SB 382 Vet Driver License – BMV highjacked our intent with this Bill. It will start a limited data base available to INVA. Plan to meet with Governor's office to clean-up.
- HB 1001 Biennial Budget – Additional $s for Vet Courts; working with Judge David and provided our priorities for spending in under-served areas. Grants for Homeless will not include many Vets we intended to reach. HBOT Pilot has no one eligible for treatment. We will work with Governor's office to resolve these last two issues.

Upcoming Events:

Initiative underway to collect bikes for Homeless Vets.

Next Meeting: June 2, 2017