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Minutes of the May 4, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

28 Members Present

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

Minutes for April 6, 2018 meeting were approved.

Bill Moylan, Outreach Technician and Mobile Vet Center Driver was on-hand and the Van was setup outside. He discussed the history of the program and outlined the services provided by the Vet Centers. He related a few encounters he has shared with fellow veterans during his tenure with the Mobile Center. After the meeting, tours were available to members.

Meetings and Legislative activities:

The legislative goals for the 2019 were again discussed in detail. Issues will continue to be changed, modified, added or deleted prior to publication. The technical corrections to the laws passed last session for Veteran Homelessness and HBOT Treatments were outlined.

Jim and Ron were invited by Senator Merritt to a briefing by a Doctor who is treating patients with electric shock to re-align their brain functions that are out of sync due to medical conditions / injuries. He felt this treatment may be beneficial for patients with opioid addiction, PTS or TBI. The doctor was unaware of HBOT. We are uncertain as to Sen. Merritt's intentions for this treatment.

Ron and Jim met with Mark Shubiak, Partner with Ice Miller Legal Counsel. Mark is a lobbyist that we have known over our years at the Statehouse. He has been willing to provide us with his knowledge of Indiana Statehouse politics for a fee that fits the budget of the Coalition; FREE. He recommended we work with State Agencies prior to their budget submissions in mid-July, along with our selected Representatives / Senators, concerning our initiatives that will impact their respective agency. We plan to add this approach as we develop our goals for 2019.

Ron read a letter sent by Senator Donnelly thanking us for the Coalition's participation in his Vietnam War Veterans Day Welcome Home event on March 29th.

Upcoming Events: (See website for Flyers and details)

May 31 to June 2 – Vietnam Moving Wall, Fort Harrison Memorial Park.

Next Meeting date: Due to several conflicting events on the first Friday in June, it was decided our next meeting would be June 8, 2018.