

1 **SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES**

2 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**
3 **Veterans' Advisory Board**
4 **October 28, 2016**

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6 **Friday, October 28, 2016 – Council Hearing Room, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island**

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8 **CALL TO ORDER – VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD (VAB)**

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10 Veterans' Advisory Board Chairman, Ted Whitley, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Members Michael
11 Baker, George Jackson, Patricia Ayers, and Steve Jehly were present.

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13 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 The Agenda for the October 28, 2016 VAB meeting was approved by acclamation.

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17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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19 Steve Jehly moved, and George Jackson seconded, a Motion to approve the revised Minutes of the August 26,
20 2016 VAB meeting. The Minutes were approved, as corrected, unanimously.

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22 Steve Jehly moved, and Michael Baker seconded, a Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 30, 2016
23 VAB meeting. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

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26 **CITIZENS ACCESS**

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28 Marshall Bliss, a Viet Nam War Veteran, accompanied by Pam Doerr, former American Legion service officer,
29 addressed the VAB about the circumstances resulting in receiving an Undesirable Discharge making him
30 ineligible to receive the assistance of the VAB. He elaborated on the results on his life of dealing with such a
31 Military Discharge. The VAB offered to consider the various alternatives the Veteran may have to upgrade his
32 discharge status and the members will do so before the December VAB meeting.

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34 **OLD VAB BUSINESS**

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36 George Jackson moved, and Steve Jehly seconded, a Motion to approve the VAB Policies and Procedures
37 Manual as revised by the VAB and presented by Ted Whitley, VAB chairman. The Motion was approved
38 unanimously. Ted Whitley will submit the Revised Manual to the San Juan County Council for its consideration.

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40 VAB membership terms of service expirations were discussed. Member Steve Jehly declared his intension to ask
41 for another term of membership. Jim Knych and Ted Whitley chose leave the VAB at the end of the year. The
42 notice of expiration of Michael Baker's term was in error.

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44 Candidates for 2017 VAB offices was discussed. George Jackson, current VAB Vice-chair has agreed to serve as
45 Chairman. Shannon Plummer was nominated to serve as Vice-Chairman. Michael Baker agreed to remain as
46 VAB Secretary.

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48 **NEW VAB BUSINESS**

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50 Ted Whitley attended a recent Family Resource Center meeting where the question of assistance to indigent local
51 Veterans and any such Veterans known to the VAB should be directed to the Family Resource Center in Friday
52 Harbor for help and information.

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54 Ted Whitley distributed a recent letter from Brad Tuininga, a director at the Skagit Valley College Foundation, to
55 Rick Hughes, County Councilman. He described and offered contact information regarding the many on-line
56 training opportunities that may interest Veterans.

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58 Ted Whitley distributed a recent email from Becky Rhodes, owner of Rhode Trips Taxi & Tours on San Juan
59 Island, offering discounted rides to Veterans for medical appointments, shopping trips, etc. Ted Whitley will
60 contact the vendor for information regarding the service discount and how Veterans could access it.
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62 Ted Whitley distributed a copy of the December 5, 2016 San Juan County Council meeting wherein the subject of
63 the VAB Procedure Manual is scheduled for consideration.
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66 **QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSIDERATIONS**
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68 **BS (San Juan Application):** George Jackson moved, and Patricia Ayers seconded, a motion to withdraw the
69 Veteran's remaining \$250.00 food allowance because the Veteran was not using the food support already
70 received, according to the Auditor's office. The motion was approved unanimously.
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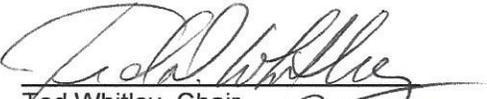
72 **SS (Lopez Application):** George Jackson moved, and Steve Jehly seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran up
73 to \$2000.00; \$1500.00 for 6 months of food assistance at \$250.00 per month and up to \$500.00 for a home
74 propane hook up contingent on the Veteran receiving a satisfactory bid for such work reviewed and approved by
75 Ted Whitley or any other VAB member. The Motion passed unanimously.
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77 **MT (Orcas Application):** Steve Jehly moved, and George Jackson seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran
78 \$2200.00; \$1350.00 for 3 months of food assistance at \$450.00 per month and \$850.00 for the Veteran's share of
79 home rental assistance. The Motion passed unanimously
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81 **CM (Orcas Application):** Steve Jehly moved, and Patricia Ayers seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran
82 \$900.00; \$750.00 for 3 months of food assistance at \$250.00 per month and \$150.00 for 3 months fuel cost
83 assistance at \$50.00 per month redeemed by submitting receipts to the County Auditor. The Motion passed
84 unanimously
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86 **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m. The next VAB meeting is scheduled for December 2,
87 2016 at 11:45AM in the San Juan County Council Hearing room in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island.
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**VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD
SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**


Ted Whitley, Chair


George Jackson, Vice-Chair

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101 Michael Baker, Secretary