SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES
SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON
Veterans’ Advisory Board
January 31, 2020

Friday, January 31, 2020 – Legislative Large Conference Room, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island

CALL TO ORDER – VETERANS’ ADVISORY BOARD (VAB)

Veterans’ Advisory Board Chairman, Ted Whitley, called the meeting to order at 11:45 a.m. Members Michael Baker, Steve Jehly, Kevin Holmes, Barry Neville, Lindsey Callahan, Patricia Ayers, and Bill Cumming were present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda for the January 31, 2020 VAB meeting was approved by acclamation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Holmes moved, and Barry Neville seconded a Motion to approve the Minutes, as amended, of the December 6, 2019 VAB meeting. The revision involved deleting the sentence referring to Lindsey Callahan on lines #85-86. The revised Minutes were approved unanimously.

CITIZENS ACCESS

None was requested.

OLD BUSINESS

Kevin Holmes reported on his experiences at the yearly Seattle Stand-Down: Vets Helping Vets event. He explained that trained service officers and volunteers helped struggling or homeless vets with jobs, housing and commodities; an example of which Kevin brought from the event to distribute to needy local vets. Items like carry bags, blankets, clothing, etc. will be distributed at the County Fair booth.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ted Whitley submitted the 2020 contract for a San Juan County Fair Booth to the VAB. He proposed that the VAB approve payment of $482.00 for the booth charges. Kevin Holmes moved, and Patricia Ayers seconded a Motion to pay the booth fees from VAB funds. The Motion was approved unanimously.

Ted Whitley presented a calendar of the year so that meeting locations could be determined for the year. In 2020, the March, June, September, and December VAB meetings will be held on Orcas Island at the Old Orcas Hotel. The ferry schedule may require that meeting times be adjusted to accommodate San Juan Island members. This will be determined at the February VAB meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Patricia Ayers informed the VAB that Mr. Stevens would no longer be able to provide free fish to needy Veterans because his entire supply has been stolen. We appreciate the help he offered Veterans and wish him well.

QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSIDERATIONS

RS (Orcas Application): Lindsey Callahan moved, and Barry Neville seconded, a Motion to ratify the provision to the Veteran of $500.00 for the one month of food assistance originally approved by Ted Whitley and Michael Baker. The motion was unanimously approved. Lindsey Callahan moved, and Kevin Holmes seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran with $1628.31 ($208.59 for a late OPALCO bill, $346.72 for six months of car insurance, $975.00 home rent and $100.00 fuel assistance to be recovered by submitting receipts to the County). The
motion was unanimously approved. The Veteran will also be reminded about the availability of free meat from
Triple B Farms.

**JF (Lopez Application)**: Kevin Holmes moved, and Bill Cumming seconded, a Motion to provide the Veteran up
to $1372.00 (up to $300.00 for fire wood, $172.00 for a late dentist bill, and $900.00 for three months of food
assistance at $300.00 per month). The motion was unanimously approved. The Veteran will also be reminded
about the availability of free meat from Triple B Farms.

**DM (Orcas Application)**: The Veteran appears to have adequate funds for his needs. His application has been
rejected.

**ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m. The next VAB meeting is scheduled for February 28,
2020 at 11:45 a.m. in the Legislative Large Conference Room in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island.

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**VETERANS’ ADVISORY BOARD**

**SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Ted Whitley, Chair

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Steve Jehly, Vice-Chair

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By Michael Baker, Secretary

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