

Price County Veterans Service Commission Meeting

Date: April 16, 2025

Time: 4:00 pm

Place: Price County Courthouse Boardroom; 126 Cherry St. Phillips, WI 54555

Call to order: Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Douglas Moquin, VSC chair

Roll Call

Members Present: Benjamin Greiner, Richard Lapp, Debra Metzker, Douglas Moquin, David Schmidt, Mitchell Surman, Elaine Doll, Brittany DeVries (remote)

Also Present: Tony Lueck, Veterans Services Officer

Items for discussion and possible action

1. Public Comment and Communications

Elaine Doll introduced herself as a new VSC member. She served in the Air Force for 20 years, was raised in Phillips, has 3 children and 5 grandsons.

2. Meeting Minutes from November 6, 2024:

Motion Greiner/Lapp to approve the minutes from November 6, 2024. Motion carried.

3. Commission Membership:

a. New Appointments: Elaine Doll (term to expire December 31, 2027); Richard Lapp (term to expire December 31, 2027); Douglas Moquin (term to expire December 31, 2027):

All 3 appointments were approved at the county board meeting on 04-15-2025. There was discussion later on in the meeting about sending a letter to a member of the commission asking if they are still interested in serving on the Veterans Service Commission.

4. Bylaws and Commission Roles and Responsibilities:

Motion Greiner/Surman to approve the bylaws and accept the changes in red. Motion carried

5. Park Falls Vietnam Monument:

The Vietnam Monument is scheduled to be installed at the Park Falls Public Library location this spring.

6. Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter in Phillips:

There are currently DAV chapters in Rhinelander and Ladysmith. Ladysmith has a very active auxiliary. It would be hard to get the DAV started in Phillips without enough expressed interest in the area

7. Transportation Van:

Information was given about Medford's transportation vans for veterans, including Medford's vans were purchased and donated by Hardees; the Milwaukee Transportation Department writes their grant and manages their account; Medford must abide by DOT rules; after 10 hours, Medford's van must return to Taylor County. The BART bus transports veterans to medical facilities, is wheelchair accessible, and it currently serves veterans' transportation needs.

8. Event Reports:

There will be a tri-county event on April 23rd at the new Lincoln post for Lincoln, Taylor and Price counties. Between 25 and 30 vendors will be there to answer questions from 1:00-5:00 p.m. The Rhinelander event on April 30th has been cancelled.

9. County Veterans Services Office Updates:

Tony Lueck's last day as the Veteran's Services Officer is May 30th. There are 17 applicants and interviews will be held on April 22nd. Lueck has been reducing the number of outstanding claims with prospective POA's, VFW, American Legion, and WDVA so that the new VSO officer has time to learn the job. May 29th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m., there will be a farewell to Lueck at the Normal Building. The CVSO Office received \$400.00 in donations comprised of \$25.00 gas cards from the Ladysmith Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Lady's Auxiliary (AUX). Price County CVSO purchased \$250.00 in \$50.00 food cards for Pick N Save grocery. There is \$200.00 remaining in gas cards and \$50.00 left in food cards. The CVSO received donations from the American Riders in the amount of \$400.00, which was deposited into the special events fund.

10. Commissioner Report: There were no further reports from commissioners.

11. Next Meeting Date: July 16, 2025

12. Future Agenda Items: Commission Membership and Attendance; Veteran's Services Officer Orientation/Meet-and-Greet; and Park Falls Vietnam Monument were all added to the July 16th agenda.

13. Adjourn: Motion Greiner/Surman to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 5:06 p.m.