

VA&R, Gifts for Yanks and VAVS Joint Meeting

Saturday, November 17, 2018-10:00am

Department HQ, Delaware OH

AGENDA

1. Open

a. Salute Colors –Prayer- Pledge of Allegiance

i. Committees convened at 10:00am.

ii. Darell Bishop (5) open, Prayer by George Smith fellow by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Appoint Secretaries

a. David K Cook Sr. 6th District VA&R Chairmen was appointed secretary.

3.Roll Call

VAVS Committee

John Mc Junkin (Lima)

Bob Steggman (Dayton VAMC)

Dave Hurst (Cinc. VAMC Rep)

Jerry Perry (Clermont CBOC)

Kenneth Ellis (Georgetown)

Aaron Cunningham (Hamilton)

Gary Travin (Georgetown OVH)

Dan Brake (Sandusky OVH)

Warren Chase (Newark)

John Tepper (Chillicothe Dep)

Neil Miller (Chillicothe Rep)

Bill Harrier (Zanesville)

Leroy Brinkhoff (Cleveland Rep)

Stanley Popek (Parma)

George Smith (Akron CBOC) Frank (Ashtabula)

Darell Bishop Chiamam (Lorain CBOC)

VA&R Committee

Charles Craynon (2nd District)

Aaron Cummighan Chairmam (4th District)

Darell Bishop (5th District)

David Cook (6th District)

Neil Miller (7th District)

William Keller (9th District)

Gary Ickes (10th District)

Leroy Brinkhoff (13th District)

GFY Committee:

Chester Kendzierski (1st District)

Paul Maurer (2nd District)

Bob Steggemann (3rd District)

Ken Ellis (4th District)

Darell Bishop Chairmam (5th District)

George Pauler (Sub 7th District)

William Keller (9th District)

Holly Lewis (10th District)

Floyd Burk Js. (11th District)

Jerry Laird (12th District)

Stanley Popek (13th District)

Joyce Hannum (14th District)

Chairman Bishop called on Department Commander Bob Schmitt. The Commander welcomed everyone and thanked them for their dedication to the American Legion and to the committee they represent.

Chairman Bishop called on the guest speaker, Ohio Supreme Court Justice Sharon L. Kennedy. Justice Kennedy spoke on Veterans Courts. She was concerned about our veterans in jail with PDS and what kind of treatment they are receiving. She told us that most veterans when arrested and ask if they are a veteran majority say no. Then when the veteran goes to court the Judge has no idea of the veteran mental condition or military service. With a veterans court our veterans will get the help they need, either a group home, medical help or just talking another veteran. Judge Kennedy's goal is have a veteran court in every county and urges us to get involved in the program in your community.

- Next on the agenda was William Genochio new POC for the American Legion (VA claims Processing and Post Service Officer training). He gave a presentation on claims work and overall review of what the American Legion has done and is doing for Veterans claims. He explained how many claims the American Legion in Ohio has had since 2015 to present, amount claims settled and how many claims are pending. He then gave a briefing on the program Dignity Memorial group and that the Department of Ohio is looking to partner with. Next William gave an overview on Ohio Veterans Suicides Data. All the programs above had a slides presentation. These programs and slides will be put on Department website, so any one can review them.

At this time VA&R Chairman Aaron Cunningham gave remarks and asked that if you have any resolutions, to please get them into the Department.

Chairman Bishop then introduced Jermaine Ferguson Department. (VHA, Legislative, Gifts for Yanks And VAVS). Jermaine Ferguson asked if you had any nominations for the VAVS award that we need to get them submitted and that we should have both Male and Female award. He will have the applications on the Department Website.

Chairman Bishop Gave the dates for distribution for the Gifts for Yanks for each location.

Chillicothe Dec. 25, 2018 - 8:00am. Tue.

Cincinnati Dec. 21, 2018 - 6:30pm. Fri.

Cleveland Dec. 20, 2018 - 9:30am. Thur.

Dayton Dec. 25, 2018 - 7:30am. Tue.

OVH Sandusky Dec.20 2018 – 10:00am. Thur.

OVH Georgetown Dec.15, 2018 – 1:00pm. Sat.

He also stated that donations were down last year and They are down so far again this year. (\$17,067.52) At this time we have 4 District that have not turned any donation in. Also there is a change on how they are tracked. Donations will be accepted up to the first Department DEC. meeting in august for each year. This is in keeping with the physical year for the Department. For awards, the cut off is June first, so the awards can be presented at the Department Convention. Chairman Bishop: Ideas needed on how to get the word out and ideas

on items that may be used for next year's gifts. He mention that there were promotional material on the table in the hall.

Before closing, Chairman Bishop asked Department Commander Schmitt if he had anything more to say. Department Schmitt wished to thank all for their help with his project-the Veterans Court and that this is not a (1) one year thing, but will be an ongoing project for the Department. We need to help our follow Veterans by keeping it going. He also went over how the funds are used. It goes to the Veterans and mentors not the courts' Also there is a training class on the Attorney Generals Web Site you can take and print off a Certificate to show you have taken the class. He then handed out a "thank you" to each member in attendance.

Salute to the Colors by Darell Bishop

The meeting adjourned at 12:11pm, followed by a quick lunch break and then the packing of this year's gift packets.

Minutes submitted by:

Darell bishop

David Cook Sr.

Department Gift for

Yanks Chairman

6th District VA&R Chairman