



## Cayuga County Veterans Advisory Board

David Gould, Chair

Charlie Ripley, Treasure

Jim Orman, Vice-Chair

Jessica Strassle, Secretary

## Meeting Minutes

Date Issued: November 12, 2019

The Cayuga County Veterans Advisory Board met on Thursday November 7, 2019 at the hour of 4:00 p.m. at the American Legion Post 1107 located at 8 Schobey St, Union Springs NY 13160.

1. Attendance/Call to Order  
Chair David Gould called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m., David welcomed the committee members.
  - a. David Gould
  - b. Tom Crawford
  - c. Todd Fischer
  - d. Karen Macier
  - e. Terry Baxter
  - f. Jim Orman
  - g. Tom Minicucci
  - h. Jessica Strassle
2. Prioritizing Concerns
  - a. Outreach and Engagement
    - Monthly Blog/Newsletter.

- Send Cayuga County Veteran Services Flier to posts across the county.
  - Work with Syracuse VA to get pamphlets at Auburn Clinic.
- b. Increase awareness of services for woman veterans.
- Connect with Veterans Administration Woman Care Coordinator.
- c. Tom Minicucci has a grant available and would like to increase services for woman veterans in Cayuga County. Will schedule a stakeholder meeting with Syracuse VA Hospital.
- d. Pensions
- Veterans are using agencies that charge to apply for pensions. Sent information to nursing homes and law firms on Veterans Services.
- e. Game of Chance and Bingo Laws
- Legions and membership based agencies are prohibited from holding any single game of chance events more than one time in a license period with no more than \$500 in prizes allotted. Violations result in a \$1500 initial fine and second violation results in suspension of license.
  - Work to amend law.
3. Emergency Relief Fund
- a. \$2000 of emergency relief fund was provided to assist veterans with heating and medical bills.
4. Operation Enduring Freedom Trip
- a. Knights of Columbus is trying to raise \$100,000 for a 2 night stay in Washington.
- b. Scheduled for 2022, around April or May
- c. Free trip for Veteran and chaperone
5. Wreaths Across American
- a. On Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 12:00 PM, Wreaths Across America will be at Auburn Cemetery District to Remember and Honor our veterans through the laying of Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and the act of saying the name of each and

every veteran aloud.

6. Adjournment

- a. Next meeting will be held January 7th at 4:00 p.m., at the Auburn VA Clinic located at 47 E. Genesee Street Auburn, NY 13021.

Committee Members:

Karen Macier, Laurie Fischer, Mike Quill, Nick Valenti, Terry Baxter, Todd Fischer, Tom Crawford, Tom Minicucci