



**WHITESTOWN VETERANS COMMITTEE**

**Regular Meeting**

**March 21, 2019**

**7:00 PM**

**Whitestown Municipal Complex – Public Hall**

**6210 Veterans Drive**

**Whitestown, Indiana**

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**MINUTES**

**1. OPENING THE MEETING**

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Pledge of Allegiance**
- C. Roll Call**

**2. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. A suggestion was made to partner with Hero Family Outreach which will provide them town resources and more publicity possibly. Should be discussed more next month.
- B. Derrick made contact with Sandra Whitley of Veterans Justice Outreach to install a Vet Court in Boone County. Sandy Whitley will attend May 2019's meeting to talk to us about VJO.
- C. Derrick made contact with the Vet Center, Natasha Allen, and want to speak about at April's meeting using the Vet Center mobile van during Independence day celebrations.

- Provide Derrick a list of color options to finalize short sleeve polo purchase.
- There is no cost associated in 2019 for the WTVC to engage this opportunity
- Our objective is to
  - Attend the 2019 IHF as a branded committee in a volunteer capacity during the departure at the IND Airport.
  - This recon provides experience to see if this is something that we want to participate with next year as a chaperone which does incur a cost. Cost for 2020 TBD.
  - Send a WT Veteran on the flight. There is no cost for a Veteran that is a recipient of the IHF benefit.
- After conclusion of the initial IHF 2019:
  - We will work with WT Veterans who want to benefit from the IHF and lobby to get them moved up the list or keep their spot on the list.
  - Raise \$ from flag sales (or other) to cover cost of VC member(s) to chaperone the 2020 trip.
- WT will provide Polo shirts embroidered with WT Logo and “Veterans Committee” and shall be blue in nature. Nate will provide Derrick with final color selection. Sizes were collected and 1 XL and 2 L will be ordered as extras.
- **Due Out – 2/21**
  - **Pete – Liaison between WTVC and IHF**
    - ✓ Make contact with a representative of IHF.
    - ✓ Provide the WTVC an email with the finalized departure date for the 2019 flight as soon as date is known.
  - **LI – Liaison between WTVC and WT recipient for 2020 flight**
    - ✓ Make contact with a WT Vet who has already expressed desire to attend an IHF.
  - **Nate**
    - ✓ Provide Derrick a list of color options to finalize short sleeve polo purchase
- Derrick made contact with Mike Platt. He is scheduled for our meeting in April to talk to us after the IHF event.

**B. Flag Replacement Plan (FRP) – (Objective and plan still need refinement)**

February

- Our objective is to provide flags and initial flag installation kits purchase at WT sanctioned events that generate an appropriation for the WTVC’s budget line item.
- Our plan is to:

- ✓ Derrick will look at cost estimating several local and non-local sources for product and provide at next meeting.

- To discuss at next meeting:
  - Whose idea was this initially
  - Cost of different flag options
  - Additional measures of effectiveness
  - Progress on receiving flag donations
  - Change plan name since we are providing new flags and a replacement if old one is received

**C. Project 1 (Stacy is point)**

- This project will continue to be refined and may have its own meeting on a separate date next month, 25 minutes at the end of old business will be dedicated to this prior to new business.
- Our objective is to assist transitioning Veterans after being honorably discharged from any branch of service, by providing a place to reside while in short commuting distance to work allowing them to transition to civilian life.
- This is the WTVS single long-term project.
- Our plan is to:
  - Run this program with a sample size of 4-7 male Veterans
  - Provide a mid-level or graduated program for Veterans
  - Provide housing for veterans during this program through a possible cost share with federal or state agencies or graduated plan fee (similar to the SBA's 8A Program)
  - Lobby local businesses to hire our Veterans.

February

- Stacy has opened up discussion with an industry specialist that will on a no cost basis facilitate this process from a Q&A perspective.
- Derrick will contact Mike Spidel, Boone County Veteran Service Officer and request his attendance at March 2019 meeting to provide input for this project.

March

- Mike Spidel confirmed attendance and did not show.
- Derrick forwarded Stacy email about section 8 housing in Boone County.

**D. Veterans Resources Web Page – Sonny**

- Sonny wanted to have a webpage dedicated to Veterans resources.
- This page will be on whitestown.in.gov under residents and will be titled "Veteran's Resources"