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Date: April 8, 2025

Present Members: Melissa Ramirez, Kae Nelson, Stephanie Disney, Ken Childers, Jim Haddix, Fred Wiedeberg, Whitney Whatley

Absent Members: All Present

Meeting Called to Order: 10:01am by Board President, Stephanie Disney

Pledge of Allegiance was recited

Open Meeting Act was announced by Board President, Stephanie Disney

Role Call:

- All board members and VSO staff were present

January Minutes

- Minutes were mailed out prior to the meeting.
- Minutes were motioned and approved. Kae & Melissa

Veterans Service Officers Report: *All reports were given by VSO Wiedeberg*

- Quarterly report was given
- Recently have been doing more telephonic claims and interviews.
- Had a few higher level of review claims (appeals).

Old Business

- Had the DAV appreciation dinner at the Elks
- New DAV volunteer drivers training has changed and we've been given the approval to provide the training here in Sidney to our drivers, which avoids them driving to Cheyenne to do. Fred gave the training at our office to all drivers except Ron Holly as he's been on a medical hold from driving.
- The PACT act has been updated with new cancers. Fred is researching and learning more.

New Business

- DAV drivers – we are currently trying to recruit for minimum 1 more but prefer 2 more. We are down 2. This allows each driver to be scheduled for 2 days per month.
- American Legion dinner coming up
- VFW will be meeting this week and will vote and award scholarships for this years graduates that applied.
- Fred will be in Norfolk next Tuesday through Friday for training.
- Office will be closed long with all other county offices on Good Friday.
- Leah Hosinabad from the Suicide Mortality Committee will be in Sidney.

- Successfully linked with the Staff Sergeant Fox Foundation and Highby Outdoors to acquire a gun safe this is now housed in the Sheriffs Office. This is intended for public use when a loved one is at risk of harming themselves and they can “delay lethal means” by locking anything they need in the safe and get back when ready.
- Memorial Day ceremony will be lead by Les Larson at the cemetery.

Good of the Cause

- None at this time.

Meeting adjourned: 10:16 – Ken & Kae

Next Meeting: July 8