

1 **SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES**

2 **SAN JUAN COUNTY (SJC), WASHINGTON**
3 **Veterans' Advisory Board**
4 **August 30, 2019**

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6 **Friday, August 30, 2019 – Legislative Large Conference Room, Friday Harbor, San Juan Island**

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8 **CALL TO ORDER – VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD (VAB)**

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10 Veterans' Advisory Board Chairman, Ted Whitley, called the meeting to order at 11:57 a.m. Members Barry
11 Neville, Michael Baker, Gordon Koenig, Bill Cumming, and Kevin Holmes were present.

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13 **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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15 The Agenda for the August 30, 2019 VAB meeting was approved by acclamation.

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17 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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19 Bill Cumming moved, and Barry Neville seconded a Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2019 VAB
20 meeting. The Minutes were approved unanimously.

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22 **CITIZENS ACCESS**

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24 Nancy Miller, Daughters of the American Revolution representative (360-378-5475) asked the advice of the VAB
25 in establishing a service goal for their local chapter honoring County Veterans. They had been considering placing
26 American flags at Veteran gravesites on Veterans' Day. Members of the VAB suggested contacting local
27 American Legion staff for help physically locating the gravesites and also suggested that cleaning the gravesites
28 might also be considered as an appropriate service goal.

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30 Robert Houseman, local Veteran, asked the advice of the VAB in finding a Veteran-oriented service he might
31 perform. Since he is only in residence in the County six months of the year, service on the VAB was not possible
32 but VAB members suggested he contact the local American Legion for Veteran service programs that could use
33 his help.

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35 Lindsay Callahan, a local Veteran, also introduced herself to the VAB as being interested in service to the local
36 Veteran community. She was asked to submit an application to fill a vacancy on the VAB and agreed to do so. As
37 a local attorney and active Air Force Reservist, her advice and insights are seen as valuable to the VAB.

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39 **OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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41 Ted Whitley presented draft letters to Island County proposing collaboration in applying for a shared County
42 Veteran Service Officer Support and had no VAB objection or addition to their content. It was noted that this is an
43 18 month program whose costs would be borne by the individual Counties thereafter. Ted Whitley attempted to
44 contact Jefferson County authorities regarding this matter to no avail. The VAB will continue to discuss this matter
45 at the September meeting.

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47 In an after-action report to the VAB, Ted Whitley said the military jacket raffle was very popular and the winners of
48 the three jackets were very pleased with their prizes, Ted suggested that the Fair booth table was overly cluttered
49 with many brochures and presented a single notebook containing one copy of each brochure that booth visitors
50 could photograph if interested. Many VAB members objected to this approach, suggesting the multiple copies of
51 the brochures be available for visitors to take with them. Kevin Holmes offered to research the availability of
52 multiple brochures for use at next years' Fair booth.

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54 **UNFINISHED VAB BUSINESS**

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56 None was presented.

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58 **NEW BUSINESS**

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60 None was presented.

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62 **QUASI-JUDICIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

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64 **BN (Orcas Application):** Kevin Holmes moved, and Gordon Koenig seconded a Motion to provide the Veteran
65 \$1800.00 for six months of food assistance at \$300.00 per month. The motion was unanimously approved. The
66 Veteran will also be reminded about the availability of free meat from Triple B Farms.

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68 **ADJOURNMENT** – The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next VAB meeting is scheduled for September 27,
69 2019 at 11:45 a.m. in the Parlor of the Old Orcas Hotel on Orcas Island.

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72 **VETERANS' ADVISORY BOARD**
73 **SAN JUAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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76 Ted Whitley, Chair

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79 NOT PRESENT
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84 Michael Baker, Secretary
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