

# Gratiot County

## Department of Veterans Affairs

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April 11, 2023

Gratiot County Veterans Committee  
Ithaca, Michigan

RE: Minutes, Gratiot County Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee Meeting – February 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Gratiot County Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC) was held Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at the Gratiot County Courthouse Commissioners Room, Ithaca, Michigan, complying with current Michigan Department of Health guidelines. For members unable or prefer not to attend in person, remote zoom was available. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Aplin at 1457 hours. Roll call was held with Brandon Simmet, Ken Davis, Autumn Leonard, Gary Hoffer, and Tim Aplin. Also present was GCDVA Director Nancy Bozzer.

Approval of Additions/Modifications to the Agenda were motioned by Ken Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Hoffer.

Approval of the Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022, were motioned by Gary Hoffer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brandon Simmet.

Chairman and Secretary elections were conducted for GCVAAC. Tim Aplin was elected for the Chairman position; Motioned by Ken Davis, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Hoffer. Brandon Simmet motioned Autumn Leonard for the Secretary position, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Davis.

### Director's Report

Director Bozzer presented the quarterly report showing that the denials of new claims are staying low. Director has made it a goal to get approval for claims the first time around.

For Emergency Funding, the definition of "Emergency" was clarified as "Unable to continue payments for necessities such as: Utilities, Car Repairs, Mortgage, etc. due to an unanticipated incident".

### Old Business

The Historical Case in the Courthouse Rotunda is currently looking for donations to be displayed.

The Heroes Center Grand Opening will be Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Michigan Senator Roger Hauck – 34<sup>th</sup> District, Michigan House of Representatives Jerry Neyer – District 92, MVAA Director Adam Hollier, and Board of Commissioners District 1 Dave Owens will be guests for the Ribbon Cutting.

The Elks have donated Gift Cards along with \$5000 to Furnish the Heroes Center. GCDVA has sent their appreciation.

### New Business:

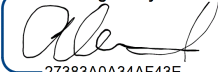
Director Nancy Bozzer is resigning from the position and GCDVA is taking Applications and conducting interviews for the position. Director Bozzer will be greatly missed for the incredible work and

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projects she has completed in the time she shared with Gratiot County. GCDVA wishes her nothing but the best on her next chapter.

The next scheduled VAAC meeting will be at 3:00 pm, Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Motion to adjourn by Autumn Leonard, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ken Davis. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1543 hours.

Respectfully,

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Autumn Leonard, Secretary  
Gratiot County Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee