

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S
VETERAN'S AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2023

The Caddo Parish Veteran's Affairs Committee met in legal session on the above date, at 2:30 p.m., in the Government Plaza First Floor Conference Room, with Mr. Epperson, Chairman, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Atkins, Burrell, Cothran, and Epperson (4). ABSENT: Commissioners Chavez, Gage-Watts, Jones, and Lazarus (4).

The invocation was given by Mr. Cothran, and Mr. Burrell led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chair informed the attendees that the recognition of POW-MIAs is an adopted protocol by the state and parish.

NEW BUSINESS

It was **moved by Mr. Burrell**, seconded by Mr. Atkins, *to move agenda item 6.2 before agenda item 6.1.* Motion carried unanimously.

- Visit from Mr. Russel Sarpy, Sr. Of Emergent Enforcement Solutions LLC

Mr. Russell Sarpy, Sr. presented the GeauxID SEAL program that was developed at the North Louisiana Crime Lab. Mr. Sarpy, Sr. discussed the program's employment of veterans and retired law enforcement, the lack of traffic enforcement locally, and the minimal resources of State Troopers and parishes to oversee traffic enforcement. Addressing Mr. Atkins' concern, Attorney Frazier and Mrs. Bryant clarified that a Commissioner requested the Legal and Administration staff to research the viability of the program for Caddo Parish.

- Discuss Visit of Rear Admiral Dion D. English, United States Navy

Mr. Epperson announced that Rear Admiral English is scheduled to provide a presentation on March 21, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Government Plaza Chambers and that all veteran organizations, business entities and the public are invited. Mr. Epperson announced that 20 seats have been reserved at the Petroleum Club for a private conversation between members of the Committee and select people from veteran organizations. Mr. Epperson and Mrs. Bryant discussed the purpose of Rear Admiral English's visit which includes awareness of Navy programs and economic development. The Clerk clarified that the meeting will be advertised as a Veterans Affairs Committee meeting. Mrs. Bryant confirmed that Dr. Wilson, Parish Administrator, should be back in office by the meeting date.

Mr. Atkins discussed the law enforcement issue regarding Mr. Sarpy, Sr.'s program. Mr. Cothran discussed the timing of Mr. Sarpy, Sr.'s program.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

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