The regular meeting of the Veterans Memorial Commission was called to order by Vice Chairwoman Arens at 5:27PM.

Public Comment:
As time constraints present for two public guests for their comment to the VMC, Vice Chair Arens opted to open public comment at this time. Eastern Iowa Purple Heart Monument Committee (EIPHMC) members, Colleen Kint and Bill Lehmann, presented their final steps in the P.H. Monument that was placed at the AVM Park in early 2016. With over $28,000 raised for the overall project, they have donated $2,750 to the Freedom Foundation and the remaining balance of $516 to be issued to Midwest Military Outreach to be contributed to the Freedom Rock Tour, for Linn County’s proposed rock. The EIPHMC also presented two plaques as gifts to the VMC, thanking them for their participation involved with the Purple Heart Monument that was placed at AVM. Specifically, one plaque was made and donated by local Navy Veteran, Jerry Herman, which includes the same poem read at the dedication of the Purple Heart Monument placed at AVM Park. All VMC members viewed the plaques and thanked the EIPHMC for their gifts and work to see the project through.

Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes:
Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the minutes of the October meeting; seconded by Commissioner Schuchmann. The motion carried with no objections.

Financials:
Commissioner Powers inquired if FEMA would be contributing towards the damage of the VMB from the Flood of 2016. E.D. Jager shared that with our flood insurance, we will not be working with FEMA for any costs to be reimbursed. Commissioner Powers mentioned that he noticed a negative affect for the rental revenue of the VMB during the Flood of 2016. E.D. Jager shares that after refunds were issued for canceled events, we did find about a month’s worth of rental revenue to be negatively affected. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the October bills; seconded by Commissioner Schuchmann. The motion carried with no objections.
Museum Report - Assistant Director:
A.D. Van Dorston has been working on the design of the MVC Veterans Day program, which was then presented to all VMC members present. Along with two VMC staff members and Commissioner Guckenbes, A.D. Van Dorston will be working during Veterans Day to offer the VMB’s exhibits for public viewing. A.D. Van Dorston also shares that there has been an abundance of AVM Park Memorial Brick orders streaming in as well. E.D. Jager brought some of the recent donated collection items from Marie Sigworth on behalf of Cedar Rapids Veteran Kenneth Hosef; which included a WWII uniform, WWII Veterans’ photo scrapbook, Distinguished Flying Cross Medal, and a very rare hand-painted WWII bomber jacket.

Communications from the Metro Veterans Council – finalize details for Veterans Day ceremony to be held at 10:00 AM, Friday November 11th in the Veterans Memorial Coliseum:
Commissioner Powers shares that the MVC is finalized and ready for the Veterans Day program. E.D. Jager shares the proclamation for Veterans Day from the Mayor of Cedar Rapids, issued during a recent Veterans event held in the VMB. Commissioner Powers asked for the proclamation to be made available during the Veterans Day Program, which E.D. Jager obliged.

Public Comment:
Mike Chismar wishes the United States Marine Corps a happy birthday, November 10, 1775.

Commissioner Powers made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.; seconded by Commissioner Guckenbes. The motion carried with no objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Nikke Woods, Admin. Assistant

CHAIRMAN__________________________________________________________________________ Date

VICE CHAIRWOMAN_______________________________________________________________ Date