

Agent Orange/Education Committee

Waupaca, WI

12/01/18

Called to order at 9:00am by Chair Mike Demske

Attendance: Richard Lindbeck, John Margowski, James Mullarkey, Pat Furno, Greg Bloch, Sharon Bloch, Duane Cannon, Tom Sachs, Robert Grabinski

Margowski advised that we all need to contact Senator Baldwin and Johnson to encourage passage of H.R. 299 the Blue Water Navy bill. If it does not pass this session it may not get done. If it is reintroduced in the next session it probably has a slim chance.

He advised he had a response from Senator Baldwin and nothing from Senator Johnson. One concern is the cost of the bill. A solution was to add \$10 to the VA Loan to cover it.

Demske advised to also contact the Veterans Committee to get it to a full vote.

The Gulf War Toxic Exposure has been added. It covers those from 1990 to a date to be determined.

The Betty Modeci Birth Defects on Children is running out of funding as they have not received a grant. This resulted in her having to lay off several people that work on this. We might want to consider making a donation from the State Council/Chapters in order to assist her keeping the project active.

Shawano is looking to have an Agent Orange Town Hall in April or May. Virginia Nueske is working on a location. It may be on the reservation or in Shawano.

Oconomowoc is also looking for a venue for possibly June or July. This may be in the middle of the week and evening. They are looking at the college in the area.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM