

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JULY 15, 2014 MEETING MINUTES

The July 2014 regular monthly meeting of the executive board of Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. at the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance, either in person or via telephone were the following:

Chair Mark Ronning
Secretary Mark John Holady
Jesse Barton
Don Crowe
Michel Gray
Lori Hellis
Wesley A. Hill
Charles R. Williamson
Troy Wood, bar liaison
Ryan Wilkinson, section member

MINUTES

The June 2014 regular meeting minutes were read and approved with one correction to the correction of Troy Wood's name.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Recap of Military Justice Review Group letter to Dept. Of Defense
The ad hoc committee's recommendation was carried to the Board of Governors by Gov. Spier. The letter was forwarded to the Department of Defense by the deadline. A copy is attached to these minutes and is available from the section website. The Board of Governors thanked the section for its input. Chair Ronning hopes the Defense Dept. will consider the suggestions put forward.
- Annual Meeting
The meeting must be held by November 15. The executive committee will hold the annual meeting on October 21. The nominating committee must be appointed by August 21. The nominating committee must have at least three section members. By September 21, the nominating committee must report the nomination slate to the section. By October 7, the executive committee must be nominated along with section officers.
- 41 Brigade Deployment Update
The units are still in the continental U.S. 1000 are still headed toward Afghanistan. Despite recent developments, there is no change in the units' missions yet.

Old Business

- None raised.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Membership. OSB staff Sarah Hackbart is on sabbatical, so Troy Wood filed the report with information he had. The committee discussed extending discounted membership to judges and their staff, 50-year-plus admittees. The committee felt that discounted membership fees would not work as well as free CLE programs for judges. However, there was unanimous support to offer Oregon attorneys admitted fifty years or more free membership. Currently, free membership is extended to law students and new admittees.
- CLE Committee. Mark Holady reported that the format had been shifted to a webinar because of scheduling and publication issues. Speakers will need to coordinate with Karen Lee to come into the OSB office to have the session taped. Taping will occur mid-August.
- Legislative Subcommittee. Regarding the ongoing Senate Bill 999 research, Michel Gray is meeting with Kyle Rogers. Around 16 district attorney have responded to date.

With regard to proposed legislation, OSB Public Affairs hasn't responded to the query whether the Bar will request the bill. The section should obtain an answer. While there is plenty of time if a legislator alone sponsors the bill, a Bar-supported bill will probably fare better. ACTION ITEMS: Mark Ronning will check with Susan Grabe at OSB; Jess Barton will check with Rep. Julie Parrish and Sen. Brian Boquist.

The chair conversed with a gentleman (Mr. Barclay) regarding Barclay's proposal to prohibit VA compensation in support awards in domestic relation matters. Troy told the committee that the federal government already prohibits this by regulation. Non-community property states consider all resources, however, and so include VA compensation. Jess Barton mentioned an article by retired COL Mark Sullivan, JA, on this issue. After discussion, the section decided not to take a position.

- Information Committee. If Bar staff modify the website, there is a cost to the section. Jonas Hemenway is being trained however, and his efforts will save the section from the costs of regular updates. Meanwhile, send your links and info. ACTION ITEM: Mark Holady is to draft a one-page announcement regarding the CLE for the website.

NEW BUSINESS

- Veterans History Project. Two WWII vets in southern Oregon need local attorneys to conduct interviews, someone in Coos Bay and Medford. Charlie Williamson said he will contact former OSB President Bill Carter

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting will be at the Oregon State Bar Center, Tigard, Oregon, on August 19, 2014, at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark John Holady, Secretary