

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF May 12th, 2025 REDACTED

Commissioners		
Christine Santiago Foos	President	Present
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Present
Ric Ray	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
John McAllister	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	Present
		Present
Speaking Guest(s)		
Vince Villio – Legal – County Prosecutor		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Santiago Foos at 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1733 hrs.

MOTION – 25-0512-01 to approve the minutes from the April 28th, 2025 meeting.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

Guest: Vince Villio

MOTION -25-0512-02 to move into executive session at 1814hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION- 25-0512-03 to return to public session at 1935 hrs.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

Request– 25-0512-04 request for Veteran REDACTED was tabled to receive additional information.

Request -25-0512-05 Request for Veteran REDACTED was tabled to receive additional information

OLD BUSINESS

CBOC – The recommended name of the CBOC was developed in a letter format and sent to the Federal level for review and potential approval. The letter was received, Veteran Services is waiting to hear back with an answer one way or another.

Air Show – Delco Legal identified issues with the contract (Indemnification). These concerns were sent to the air show people waiting to hear back with feedback to these concerns. Nothing has been returned since April 29th.

Motts Museum – Only 3 veterans have signed up so far. June 25th, 2025

Clippers bus – Only 11 veterans have signed up so far. May 21st, 2025

Strand Movie Theater- No action taken

Visiting Veterans- only two applications received. If someone is interested and unable to navigate the application process online, have them call the office and talk to Kim.

Vet Fest- no update – Still Sept 20th 2025 at Veterans Park – Near the Delaware YMCA

Art Fest – Happening this weekend, Staff is covering in two shifts this weekend.

Memorials – Moving along – Historical societies throughout Delaware County are jumping on board cohesively to assist. The Delaware Foundation is being contacted. Brian is making connection with Sunbury, Powell, and City of Delaware....where the memorials are wanting to be placed.

Camp Delaware County – There are 4 medal of honors identified that served in Camp Delaware. Continued research is being done to make an educated decision how these worthy veterans should be recognized.

Social Service Interviews– Initially 4 names were discussed. After the discussion, the decision was to re-post and see if new applications would come in.

NEW BUSINESS

Pizza at Nursing homes: Motion 24-0513-07 was passed to support up to \$200.00 per month to cover Pizza to be ordered and delivered to a variety of nursing homes for veterans to gather and converse. This motion covered all of 2024. This program has been successful and the board wants this program to continue for all of 2025.

MOTION 25-0512-06 to approve food to be provided for veterans social gatherings at local nursing homes for all of 2025. Cost shall not go over \$200.00 per month.

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Flags for Sarah Moore: The DAV purchased a special sized American Flag and a POW-MIA flag to replace the worn flags already flying at this nursing home. The DAV has requested reimbursement. A discussion ensued that instead of purchasing the flags, let the Veterans Services know what flags are needed and we can add them to our stock for future use. This was agreed.

MOTION 25-0512-07 to approve the reimbursement of the two flags purchased by the DAV for Sarah Moore Nursing Home. An American flag and a POW-MIA flag which totaled \$82.93 (there was tax \$5.79 on the original bill that cannot be reimbursed).

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Laundry Love: A group of churches come together to provide laundry services to those in need. Some of those are veterans. In discussion with this group the VSC would like to augment this group financially for each load of laundry that they provide for each veteran. The group “Laundry Love” will provide an invoice showing the name of each veteran, # of loads of laundry provided, and proof that the veteran receiving these services is actually a veteran via a spreadsheet / invoice. Veterans Services will review and validate each veteran. Once validated, the invoice will be paid for each validated

veteran listed and will pay \$15.00 per load. This includes wash, dry, and laundry incidentals such as soap, softener, and other incidentals

MOTION 25-0512-08 to approve up to \$2,500.00 to cover the expenses of laundry services provided to each validated veteran by laundry love by covering each load of laundry completed pay at \$15.00 dollars per load. This is for all of 2025.

1st Ric Ray

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

Passed

DIRECTOR's REPORT

Phones: Phone were down last week and appears to be county-wide. It appears that the situation has been corrected.

Out of the office: – Brian will be out of the office May 16th thru the 21st. Will be unreachable at times – no cell service.

Budget – Reviewed the budget with slight changes based upon the discussion from last meeting.

Employee pay: Additional discussion ensued with reviewing the state and federal pay scales. There were many differences of opinions expressed. Since there has been limited consensus, the suggestion was to follow the Federal Pay Scale and then to work through the level and step to be assigned to each employee at a later date.

MOTION 25-0512-09 to approve the Federal Pay scale as the template for establishing current and future pay terms for the employees of the Delaware County Veterans Service Office.

1st Ric Ray

2nd McAllister

4-1 Vote

Passed

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

NEXT MEETING: May 19, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting – 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0512-10 to adjourn the meeting at 2124 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 vote

PASSED

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Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Present
Ric Ray	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
John McAllister	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Excused
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Santiago Foos at 1731.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1734 hrs.

MOTION – 25-0519-01 to approve the minutes from the May 12th, 2025 meeting.

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -25-0519-02 to move into executive session at 1736hrs.

1st Santiago Foos 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

Discussed 2 financial Assistance

Budget

Employee Pay

MOTION- 25-0519-03 to return to public session at 1932 hrs.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASSED

Motion – 25-0519-04-01 To approve a waiver for Veteran REDACTED to exceed the \$7,500.00 annual limit.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion -25-0519-04-02 To approve Veteran REDACTED to receive 2 months car payment and 1 month of car insurance totaling \$1,815.06. Due to the time constraint the Sunbury VFW will pay the insurance with a credit card and then be reimbursed by the Delaware County Veterans Services.

1st Hyatt 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0519-05-01 to approve a waiver for Veteran's spouse REDACTED to exceed all threshold and receive up to \$15,000.00 dollars.

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion-25-0519-05-02 to approve a waiver for Veteran's spouse REDACTED to receive up to \$15,000 for urgent roof repairs on the house that they own.

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion-25-0519-06 to adopt the compensation policy #25-100-01-00 that guides Veterans Services on how pay will established for each tier of pay that is available. This policy will take effect the first full pay in July (July 5th – July 19th).

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASSED

Motion 25-0519-07 to adopt the budget for 2026:

2025 Veteran Services Office Budget		
		2026 Final
Expenses		
5001	Salaries	\$902,000
5004	Overtime	\$5,000
500 Total		\$907,000
5101	Health Insurance	\$170,000
5102	Workers Comp	\$9,100
5120	OPERS	\$127,000
5131	Medicare	\$13,200
510 Total		\$319,300
5201	Gen Supplies & Equip <1000	\$75,000
5215	Program Supplies	\$100
5217	Books and Periodicals	\$100
5224	Uniforms and Clothing	\$3,000
5228	Maint & Repair Supply	\$1,000
5250	Minor tools, equip <\$1000	\$2,000
5260	Inv Tools 1000-4999	\$6,000
5294	Food Supplies	\$4,000
520 Total		\$91,200
5301	Contracted Prof Services	\$255,000
5305	Training	\$3,000
5308	Membership	\$1,200
5309	Travel Mileage Reimbursement	\$15,000
5310	Travel Nontaxable	\$5,000
5311	Taxable Travel Reimbursement	\$300
5312	Advertising & Legal Notices	\$150,000
5313	Printing	\$2,000
5316	Application/License Fees	\$1,000
5317	Public Relations & Promotions	\$110,000
5320	Software and Computer	\$160,000
5325	Maint Contracts & Agreements	\$1,300
5328	Maint/Repair	\$2,000
5330	Communication Services	\$3,000
5331	Postal/Freight	\$1,000
5332	Cell	\$3,000
5335	Rental	\$125,000
5338	Utilities	\$20,000
5342	Medical & Health Related Svcs	\$100
5348	Client Services	\$490,000
5355	Transportation Services	\$65,000
5360	Court Related Services	\$50,000
5380	Other Services	\$100
5381	Catering Services	\$20,000
530 Total		\$1,483,000
	Capital - Monuments	\$450,000
	Total	\$3,250,500

1st Hill

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

OLD BUSINESS

Motts Museum – Only 3 veterans have signed up so far. June 25th, 2025

Clippers bus – Only 14 veterans have signed up so far. May 21st, 2025

Visiting Veterans– only two applications received.

Hospital Bags – two emails sent out, no response from Grady– Bags are waiting

Vet Fest– no update: progress is being done, expect a discussion in an upcoming meeting with the outreach coordinator.

Art Fest – went well! A little windy. Both days were covered with many coloring pages and crayons handed out. Rules, coloring pages, and crayons available at all county libraries and for drop off as well. Coloring contest items will be at first Friday's too.

NEW BUSINESS

Country View Nursing Home:

Would like a veteran group to provide Brunch? 1 or 2x per month

Prefer not Monday's and not Pizza

Point of contact – Abby Lewis 740-965-3984 (Meatless Pasta?)

Commission requested the outreach coordinator – to make contact to get details and connect with Jeff Hill or Ric Ray with needs.

Veteran Family Night

The commission would like the outreach coordinator to investigate a veteran family night. Where there would be a cookout, kids / family activities. Maybe a family dog contest.

Veteran Service Commission / office event

The commission would like the outreach coordinator to investigate a veteran Service Commission / office event. How to get everybody together to build a cohesive team.

Memorial Day Fund: Two groups (the purple hearts and post 102) did not take advantage of purchasing the benches so they are wanting the letters that normally would go out allowing them their 500 dollars.

Explore new option for Veteran Services Since the office move has hit numerous roadblocks with the path's that is has taken, a new path would like to be explored by finding out more details in building their own building located near the new CBOC that is opening in October 2025.

Motion 25-0519-08 to explore “New” build options near the new CBOC location with Ric Ray as the POC and with Commissioner Santiago Foos and Jeff Hill as the subcommittee.

1st Ray

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASSED

DIRECTOR’S REPORT

No report

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

VCAS Gala was attended by Commissioner Hyatt. He stated that it was a nice event and got to speak with General Ashenhurst. Her comment during the conversation that she is impressed with what the commission has done with Veteran Services over the past 5 years.

Memorial Day- May 26

Oak Grove Cemetery: 10 am Frank Hickman (Speaker). There will be a singer and an alumni Orchestra as well.

Powell Parade 10 am

Memorial Day Market- Sunbury

NEXT MEETING: June 9th, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0519-09 to adjourn the meeting at 2015 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 vote

PASSED