

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF Aug 11, 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
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		
Mike Draper- Veterans Court		

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1731 hrs.

MOTION – 25-0811-01 to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2025, meeting.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Special Guest:

Mike Draper- Veteran's Court Docket coordinator came to the meeting to request financial support to purchase updated Challenge coins. They will be given out to the Graduates of the program and also to all interested parties / collaborative partners. The request was for 200 coins @ \$8.00 each adding up to \$1,600.00. See motion in public session.

MOTION -25-0811-02 to move into executive session at 1743 hrs.

1st Hill

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Discussed 3 financial assistance applications

MOTION- 25-0811-03 to return to public session at 1844 hrs.

1st Hyatt 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0811-04-01 to authorize Veteran REDACTED to receive the 7th request in an annual cycle.

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 3-2 Vote Passed

Motion -25-0811-04-02 to authorize Veteran REDACTED to receive \$1,357.00 for rent

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 3-2 Vote Passed

Motion-25-0811-05 to authorize Veteran's Spouse REDACTED to receive a waiver for the 5th request.

1st McAllister 2nd No Second Failed

Motion -25-0811-06-01 to authorize Veteran REDACTED to exceed over the \$7,500.00 annual limit

1st McAllister 2ndHill 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0811-06-02 to authorize Veteran REDACTEDto receive \$2,221.92 to cover his truck payment.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion – 25-0811-07 to authorize Veteran's Court to receive \$1,600.00 to purchase challenge coins.

1st Hyatt 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Hospital bags:

Additional bags and items were purchased and received to be ready for Grady Hospital.

Zoo event

2nd meeting was postponed and will be rescheduled when the collaborative partners are available.

Veteran shoot

Still on Schedule Sept 23 10 am to 2 pm Bring your own gun and ammo. Food items will be provided for attending veterans.

Software Integration

Still waiting on Screen shots to be shared by the company. Andrew to be reminded to check to see the status.

Billboards

The billboard on 23 South (Franklin/ Delaware County area) visually Northbound is operational. Future billboards – need to plan at least 6 months ahead of when you want it. These are in high demand, especially when they are in a good spot.

Honor Flight

Board approved that each person could apply and attend 1 honor flight as a guardian per year. The cost of the flight and the employees 8 hour will be covered. Any additional costs associated with the day or other events will be considered a volunteer opportunity.

CBOC opening

October 31 is the new rumored date. No official word has been published by internal communications.

5K ruck/Walk (Veterans Park)

A 2nd annual ruck/walk event for the Ohio suicide prevention foundation for veterans and first responders is approaching on October 11th from 0800-1200 at Veterans Park located at 1121 South Houk Road. This event is to help with the suicide prevention efforts for veterans and first responders.

Veteran Service Advertisement in restaurant and facilities

Discussion on how to get our logo or office name in restaurant items like cups, mugs, placemats and other items to reach veterans and their families. Discussed Rest stop on I 71, Hamburger Inn, Coasters, shopping carts.

Reaching veterans in the County jail

Creating a relationship and contacting the administration of the Delaware county jail to assist veterans in jail with hygiene bags and toiletry accessories. We will be reaching out to see what services we are able to provide those veterans. Reached out without feedback. Will reconnect.

NEW BUSINESS

CVSO

After completing a review of the applications, the top 6 were invited for interviews. Four of the six scheduled interviews. The top candidate was identified as Holly Goldman. She is the committee unanimous recommendation to be hired.

Motion – 25-0811-08 to authorize Holly Goldman to be hired as the next CVSO.

1st Hyatt

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASSED

Flag burning ceremony

On October 18th at Oak grove cemetery in the Veterans Area beginning at 10 am. All are invited to attend.

Renovations

The wall behind the glass is being built to accommodate a new office. Rey will be taking this office once completed.

The buzzer for behind the glass has been removed since it is no longer needed.

New Window display on the admin door is good showing where veterans should go.

Discussed Kim G's office – could this office be split in half. Director will be reaching out to the maintenance department for feedback. Podcast would have to be moved to a different area – Maybe in the small old jail area.

Pause on the letter that the director was drafting up for the board to review.

DIRECTOR's REPORT

Wave Report

The wave report is a great addition helping the commission see all of the things the office is doing. Adding to the Wave report – Commissioner do things too that need to be added. Add the commissioners to the reminder email.

Pictures – as the saying goes pictures tell 1000 words. If you have pictures, send them too to be included.

3 monuments for 250 Anniversary – Need three commissioners to be judges. They are Commissioners: Santiago Foos, Hyatt, and Hill.

Veteran @ Large is still open. If any names come to mind, send to the director to send to the committee to choose.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

NEXT MEETING: Aug 25th, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting – 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0811-9 to adjourn the meeting at 2004 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Ray

5-0 vote

PASSED

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MOTION – 25-0825-01 to approve the minutes with two minor corrections from the Aug 11, 2025 meeting.

1st Hyatt 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote PASSED

MOTION -25-0825-02 to move into executive session at 1735 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote PASSED

Discussed 1 financial assistance applications

2 personnel matters

MOTION- 25-0825-03 to return to public session at 1810 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion– 25-0825-04-01 to authorize Veteran redacted to funds greater that was he is allowed monthly.

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

Passed

Motion -25-0825-04-02 to authorize Veteran redacted to receive \$1,339.25.00 for his annual propane needs.

1st Hill

2nd McAllister

4-1 Vote

Passed

Motion-25-0825-05 to authorize rescinding the hiring offer to redacted due to background issues/ concerns.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

Passed

Motion -25-0825-06 to authorize the hiring of redacted to the position of CVSO.

1st McAllister

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

Passed

OLD BUSINESS

Zoo event

Scheduled for Dec 7th – Delaware County Veterans plus up to three family members will have the opportunity to register and get their admission covered.

2nd meeting scheduled Aug 28th to work on advertising and other logistical items where collaboration is key to make the event a success.

Social Services building

The last meeting it was reported that the footprint of the building is over budget and the size will have to be reduced. Veterans Services attendees said at the meeting that their size could not be reduced due to their expected growth and storage needs. They were strong in stating VSC could not downsize.

NEW BUSINESS

Teaming up with Delaware County EMS

In collaboration with Delaware County EMS and Veteran Services an agreement has been developed to help link identified veterans/ family members to services offered via Delaware County Veterans Services and the stakeholders.

Motion – 25-0825-07 to authorize the approval of the MOU between the Delaware County Veterans Commission and the Delaware County Commissioners regarding the department Delaware County EMS working with Delaware County Veteran Services to provide better service to Delaware County residents that are Veterans.

1st Ray

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

Passed

Accolades via Commissioner Santiago Foos:

A veteran spoke highly of Foxx Schneider helping navigate their claim process and was successful.

Accolades via Commissioner Santiago Foos:

In conversation, a veteran who worked with Bill Piwtorak connected with commissioner to discuss his leadership ability and spoke very highly of his abilities.

Accolades via Commissioner Hill:

In conversation, was informed that Brian Galligher and Bill Piwtorak are doing a good job running your organization.

Accolades via Dave Hyatt:

In conversation, was informed the veteran was impressed with the recent radio commercial they heard on the radio.

Irreverent Warrior Group:

Would like to know if they could attend a future meeting to discuss what their organization is about and possibly asking for sponsorship funds. Discussion supported such a visit and any veteran friendly organization in the future.

DIRECTOR's REPORT

Wave Report

The bi – monthly report was sent via email to the board to review. During the meeting, they asked to expand on the complaints that were summarized on the report. The statistical data was not discussed due in part it the information speaks for itself.

Motion 25-0825-08 to go into executive session with removal of everyone except the commissioners – 1845 hrs.

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

Personnel Matter

Motion 25-0825-09 to return to public session 1851 hrs.

1st Hill 2nd Ray 5-0 Vote Passed

Motion 25-0825-10 Motion to adjourn 1852 hours

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 5-0 Vote Passed

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

NEXT MEETING: Sept 8, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

Motion 25-0825-10 to adjourn the meeting at 1852 hrs.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 5-0 vote PASSED