

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF October 13th, 2025

<b>Commissioners</b>		
Christine Santiago Foos	President	<b>Present</b>
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	<b>Present</b>
Ric Ray	Secretary	<b>Present</b>
Jeff Hill	Member	<b>Excused</b>
John McAllister	Member	<b>Present</b>
<b>Veteran Services</b>		
Brian Galligher	Director	<b>Present</b>
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	<b>Present</b>
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	<b>Present</b>
<b>Speaking Guest(s)</b>		

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

**Motion – 25-1013-01** to approve the minutes from 9-22-2025 as written

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      4-0 Vote                      PASSED**

**Motion-25-1013-02** to move into executive session at 1733 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Ray                      4-0 Vote                      PASSED**

**Motion- 25-1013-03** to return to public session at 1808 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      4-0 Vote                      Passed**

**Motion-25-1013-04** to waive maximum yearly amount of assistance provided for Veteran redacted.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>ND</sup> Hyatt                      2-2 Vote                      Failed**

**Motion-25-1013-04-02** Motion to allow Veteran to seek additional estimates.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister**

**3-1**

**Pass**

**Motion-25-1013-05** motion to waive maximum yearly amount of assistance  
Provided for Veteran redacted.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt**

**2-2**

**Fail**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Software Update:**

Lunch meeting is scheduled for Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Time to still be determined via email communication via Andrew. When the business confirms, an email will be sent out.

### **Spreadsheet showing office activity:**

The board discussed the spreadsheet that Karen uses to intake clients. The way we do it currently cause a catastrophic failure in the past. We discussed to re-create and potentially lose data again. We discussed moving the spreadsheet to google sheet where it would be in the cloud and vulnerable to hacking, or continue the way we are and work towards a new software program. The consensus was to wait until the new software program is decided upon.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Federal Shutdown:**

With the federal shutdown currently underway, discussion of reaching out to active-duty entities in the area in which the service member resides in Delaware county for possible financial assistance. Understanding that the shutdown puts a strain on service members and their families, any help we can provide them for the time being until they come to a resolution for the shutdown. The board will discuss the issue further at the end of the month in hopes that the shutdown will be over, and service members will be paid appropriately.

### **Burnside cemetery memorial/grave:**

The burnside cemetery, in which is located at 8340 Lewis Center Road, has a 7-foot-tall memorial/grave. It has fallen over, and our office was asked to assist with the cost to make it erect as it once was before. More information on the memorial/grave is requested and further discussion to follow.

**Veteran Of the Year:**

Two nominations for Veteran of The Year were submitted and will be decided at the next Veteran Service Commission Meeting when all commissioners are present.

**Friend Of the Veteran:**

Three nominations for Friend of the Veteran were submitted and will be discussed and decided on as well at the next Veteran Service Commission meeting when all commissioners are present.

**DCVA Insurance.**

The DCVA is requesting liability insurance for the county to protect both the county and organization.

**Motion-25-1013-06** Motion to pay insurance for the DVCA organization up to \$500.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray**

**2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister**

**4-0 Vote**

**Passed**

**Monument Donation**

Delaware foundation donation to the monuments, Discussion with DAR to explore avenues on what would be the best option to take. Further discussion on the topic to follow at the next Veteran Service Commission meeting.

**DIRECTOR's REPORT****Wave Report**

The bi – monthly report was sent via email to the board to review.

**GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

**NEXT MEETING:** October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the next scheduled meeting – 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

**Motion 25-1013-08** to adjourn the meeting at 20:09 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ray**

**4-0 vote**

**PASSED**

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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)		
Andrew Apostolec	Transportation	Present

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** President Christine Santiago Foos in 1733.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1732 hrs.

**Motion – 25-1027-01** to approve the minutes from 10-13-2025 as corrected

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Ray                      5-0 Vote                      PASSED**

**Guest: Andrew Apostolic –Transportation Manager**

Presented 2025 transportation stats to the VSC, provided projections for 2026, and took some questions and answers.

**Motion-25-1027-02** to move into executive session at 1800 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      5-0 Vote                      PASSED**

**Motion- 25-1027-03** to return to public session at 2000 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt              2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister                      5-0 Vote                      Passed**

**Motion-25-1027-04** to waive amount of monthly allowable provided

for Veteran REDACTED.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill**

**2<sup>ND</sup> Hyatt**

**5-0 Vote**

**Pass**

**Motion-25-10-04-02** Motion to approve assistance in the amount of \$2,778.50 for veteran REDACTED.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister**

**5-0**

**Pass**

**Motion-25-1027-05** motion to allow discussion with HR to implement a “last chance agreement” regarding personnel issues.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hill**

**3-2**

**Pass**

**Motion-25-1027-06** Motion to waiver annual assistance amount for Veteran REDACTED

**1<sup>st</sup> McCallister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt**

**2-2**

**Fail**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Veteran Of the Year:**

Discussion of the two nominations for veteran of the year was delayed from last meeting to allow for all commissioners to be present. After the discussion, it was decided that both nominations would be submitted to be voted upon

**Motion-25-1027-07** Motion to consolidate so both candidates are recognized as the veteran of the year – John Bennehoof and Leo Thomas Morgan

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt**

**2<sup>nd</sup> McCallister**

**4-1**

**Pass**

### **Friend Of the Veteran:**

The nominations for friend of the veteran were discussed with the VSC for the two nominees

**Motion-25-1027-08** to vote Margo Litke as this years “friend of the Veteran”

**1<sup>st</sup> Santiago Foos**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hill**

**5-0**

**Pass**

### **Burnside cemetery memorial/grave:**

The burnside cemetery, in which is located at 8340 Lewis Center Road, has a 7-foot-tall memorial/grave in which has fallen over. After discussion with the cemetery, It would cost \$1,000 to make it erect as once before. Our office is still awaiting confirmation to see if it is military related.

**Motion-25-1027-09** to allow the amount of up to \$1,000 to assist the burnside cemetery to fix the memorial/ grave after confirmation of pertaining to the military.

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray**

**2<sup>nd</sup> McCallister**

**5-0 Vote**

**Pass**

### **Federal Shutdown:**

No new information on the federal shutdown has been discussed as service members are awaiting to see if they will be paid on November 1<sup>st</sup> or not. Discussion of reservists and National Guard members not being paid for drill and training. In which will be waiting for further information on the matter. The financial policy is to be followed as written.

### **Software Update:**

Two individuals from a software company will be visiting the office on November 10, 2025, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will be giving a presentation to members of the board and office management on new software that could be implemented in the future. The meeting will include a presentation followed by a question-and-answer session. Lunch will be provided by the office, and the event will be held in the outreach conference room.

### **Veterans Day Parade:**

Conversation of which commissioners are going to be participating in the parade and which vehicles they are going to be riding in for the event. Commissioner Santiago Foos will coordinate with the parade personnel for assignments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Stand Theatre:**

Talks occurred regarding a proposed event on Veterans Day, November 11th, at the Strand Theatre in Delaware. The idea was to show a movie, which had not yet been decided, after the Veterans Day ceremony at the historic courthouse. The movie was scheduled to be shown at 13:00, and a discussion was held regarding the board granting funds for the event. The event was ultimately not approved at this time, as there were already other events planned for Veterans Day. However, the possibility of holding similar events in the future remains open for discussion.

### **Der Dutchman Donuts:**

Regarding the Veterans Day event and the Der Dutchman food truck, a discussion was held about having the truck provide donuts and coffee for veterans. The event was proposed to be funded by Veterans Services. Before moving forward, the estimated cost of renting the food truck would need to be obtained. Ultimately, the idea for the Veterans Day event was not immediately approved, but the possibility of featuring the truck at future events was raised for later consideration.

**Nursing Home Holiday Bags:**

This Christmas season, outreach coordinator Kimberly Gilley plans to provide gift bags for veterans in nursing homes. The bags will have a Christmas tree design and contain a non-breakable tumbler mug filled with chocolate-covered pretzels. Last year, the office provided 100 bags to veterans in county nursing homes.

This year, the office is requesting to increase the number of gift bags to 150. The total logistical cost for these items is \$2,750.

**Motion 25-1027-10** to allow up to 150 bags to be provided to veterans in nursing homes within the county. Non breakable mugs must be provided and including a **candy cane** as well as the chocolate covered pretzels.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt**

**5-0**

**Pass**

**Hospital bags:**

Following the successful hospital bag initiative, the office's outreach coordinator needs to request approximately 300 more bags for veterans in the hospital. The total cost for the bags is \$10,500, which will be considered for next year's appropriations.

**DIRECTOR's REPORT**

**Wave Report**

The bi – monthly report was sent via email to the board to review.

**GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

**NEXT MEETING:** November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

**Motion 25-1027-10** to adjourn the meeting at 20:48 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Ray**

**5-0 vote**

**PASSED**