

# Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

## REGULAR MEETING OF July 14, 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
Speaking Guest(s)		

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:** President Christine Santiago Foos at 1734.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluding at 1736 hrs.

**MOTION – 25-0714-01** to approve the minutes from the June 23, 2025 meeting.

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

**MOTION -25-0714-02** to move into executive session at 1737 hrs.

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

Discussed 4 financial Assistance

**MOTION- 25-0714-03** to return to public session at 1855 hrs.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup> Ray                      5-0 Vote                      Passed**

**Motion– 25-0714-04-01** To approve a waiver for Veteran REDACTED to receive funds over the \$12,000.00 threshold.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      3-2 Vote                      Passed**

**Motion – 25-0714-04-02** To approve Veteran REDACTED to receive \$2,900.00 for rent.

**1<sup>st</sup> McAllister                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      3-2 Vote                      Passed**

**Motion -25-0714-05-01** to approve a waiver for Veteran REDACTED to receive a 5<sup>th</sup> request annually.

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

**Motion -25-0714-05-02** to approve Veteran REDACTED to receive \$833.21 to cover the repair cost for his car.

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

**Motion -25-0714-06-01** to approve a waiver for Veteran REDACTED to receive funds even though he is over the income threshold.

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

**Motion -25-0714-06-02** to approve Veteran REDACTED to receive \$996.46 for his electric and up to \$552.26 to cover only the pending shut off.

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

**Motion -25-0714-07** to approve Veteran REDACTED receive \$3,008.10 to cover one month mortgage payment.

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

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Testimony**

Commissioner Santiago Foos presented to the County Commissioners discussing the Veteran Service office and what we provide the veteran community. She highlighted that the office appreciates the “New” building that is in development. During the Testimony, Commissioner Benton identified a significant increase (50%) of requested funds to provide services to veterans.

### **Trailer cost**

Commissioner Hill researched having a mobile trailer costs \$1000-1200 month. An initial \$10,000 for incidental costs will cost around \$48,000.00 for a 2 year contract. County will be responsible for attaching electric. \$700.00 a month for ADA ramps.

### **Renovations**

Wall built – Waiting on a cost / done by the county

Rey’s office/ build out making new office space – Cost / done by county

Board asked the director to draft a letter to discuss the modular trailer / and build out request for the office. All 5 commissioners will sign once the letter is approved. It was asked by Commissioner McAllister if we did not have a full-time employee to go into the office created outside Rey Cordero’s office if a part-time intermittent employee could use it. Director Galligher stated that until that room is filled a full-time employee could be a multi-use office for all part-time employees, Commissioners, and the Vet Center. Due to the number of people utilizing the office and the small size of the office, it would be STRICTLY kept “sanitized” of personal items.

The idea of having a part-time employee work out of the new CBOC came up, an agreement would need to be made with the VA for this to occur.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Making Forward Strides**

Stockhands is having a large event where they are requesting sponsorship. Documents were handed to the commissioners to review. The board agreed to review:

**Motion 25-0714-08** to table this discussion until next meeting

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

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

**5-0 Vote**

**Passed**

#### **Social Service Officer**

Interviews were completed on four candidates. After careful review of the interview team, a unanimous recommendation is that move Foxx Schneider from the current CVSO position to the new social service officer and to start the search for a new CVSO.

**Motion 25-0714-09** to approve Foxx Schneider as the new Social Service Officer.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> McAllister</b>	<b>5-0 Vote</b>	<b>Passed</b>
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**Motion 25-0714-10** to approve to post for a new CVSO position as soon as possible.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> McAllister</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Hill</b>	<b>5-0 vote</b>	<b>Passed</b>
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### **Honor Flight**

Since the office has more interest in participating in Honor flight as guardians, the board discussed what they want to support moving forward.

**Motion 25-0714-11** to approve the Veteran Service Staff to participate in Honor Flight as guardian by allowing 2 staff members (not same job descriptions) to be on the same flight and each person having the opportunity to attend 1 flight per year.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hill</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ray</b>	<b>5-0 Vote</b>	<b>Passed</b>
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### **Zoo event**

Discussed an opportunity to collaborate with the zoo on an event trying to connect with the younger veteran community. So far Dec 7<sup>th</sup> has been discussed and secured as the potential date. Due to an expense is associated with this event, the question was asked what would the board be willing to budget for this event? Not knowing all of the costs, the board was reluctant to put a price tag on the event. They request additional information by next meeting to have the ability to make a better decision.

During this discussion, the board recommended to explore a similar opportunity.

Also

They recommended to continue with MOTTS museum trip/ similar trips with the expectation of smaller groups.

### **DIRECTOR's REPORT**

**"Wave Top"** report was sent out via email. Please review and see all of the work that is being done by the entire staff.

### **Delaware 250 committee**

Attended a meeting where the committee discussed getting 1776 flags, people dressing up as military soldier from the day etc. The committee has many ideas on how to celebrate the upcoming birthday.

Recommendation was mentioned to contact Rich Day (Veteran) to submit a quote for the work on the monuments that are still in process of being designed.

**Motion 25-0714-12** Move into executive session at 2039 hrs.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Santiago Foos</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Ray</b>	<b>5-0</b>	<b>Passed</b>
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Discussed two personnel matters

**Motion 25-0714-13** Move out of executive session at 2102 hrs.

**Motion 25-0714-14** to allow Derrick Zanders the opportunity to take unpaid leave to help coach and mentor young children. Each season, Derrick must formally request. If this becomes a problem for the office, the director(s) are authorized to stop this opportunity.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hill</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt</b>	<b>3-2</b>	<b>Passed</b>
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### **GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

**NEXT MEETING:** July 28, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

**Motion 25-0714-15** to adjourn the meeting at 2102 hrs.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> McAllister</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt</b>	<b>5-0 vote</b>	<b>PASSED</b>
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<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>Present</b>
John McAllister	Member	<b>Excused</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 1731 hrs.

**MOTION – 25-0728-01** to approve the minutes from the July 14, 2025, meeting.

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

**MOTION -25-0728-02** to move into executive session at 1737 hrs.

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

Discussed 2 financial assistance applications

**MOTION- 25-0728-03** to return to public session at 1850 hrs.

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

**Motion– 25-0728-04-01** to authorize Veteran REDACTED to excess the lifetime amount of \$15,000.00

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      0-4 Vote                      Failed**

**Motion -25-0728-04-02** to authorize Veteran REDACTED to receive his normal allotted amount figure by the 300% poverty scale. This amount is \$2,985.14

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      0-4 Vote                      Failed**

**Motion-25-0728-05-01** to wavier maximum allowable amount for Veteran REDACTED

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt                      2-2 Vote                      Failed**

**Motion -25-0728-05-02** to approve Veteran REDACTED to receive \$1,474.17 to cover the repair cost for his car.

**1<sup>st</sup> Hill                      2<sup>nd</sup>Hyatt                      3-1 Vote                      Passed**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Making Forward Strides**

Stock hands is having a large event and are requesting sponsorship. Documents were handed to the commissioners to review how much Veteran Services has provided Stock hand thus far this year. After the review, the board agreed they will not go further in assisting at this time.

### **Hospital bags**

Veterans in nursing homes and or assisted living facilities will receive a bag with our logo and is filled with items to keep them occupied while also reminding them of how much they are appreciated for serving in the military

**Motion 25-0728-06** to allow the amount of \$1,000 to be used for purchasing the bags and other items that will be placed inside for veterans for Grady Hospital. This amount is to cover the need for the rest of 2025.

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

## **Zoo event**

Discussed an opportunity to collaborate with the zoo on an event trying to connect with the younger veteran community. Dec 7<sup>th</sup> has been discussed and secured as the potential date. The cost associated with it would go to veterans and their families to cover admission and parking or zoo gift cards for season pass holders.

**Motion 25-0728-07** To approve up to \$10,000 to cover costs for the zoo event for admission, parking and food for Delaware County Residents that are bonafide Veterans

**1<sup>st</sup> Hyatt      2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      4-0 vote                      PASSED**

## **Veteran shoot**

Discussed conducting a day for veterans to participate in a shooting event at the Delaware wildlife area public shooting range. Costs for food and beverage as well a bag with items provided by the office were discussed.

**Motion 25-0728-08** to approve up to \$500.00 to support cost coverage for the veteran shoot. This will cover food and some type of gift for the veterans participating in the event.

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray              2<sup>nd</sup> Hill                      4-0 vote                      PASSED**

## **Software Integration**

Discussion on possible implementation of the new software used for the office ranging from estimated costs of the software itself as well as any add-on changes. The staff would highlight any changes, as an office, we would want to put in place to help assist the in the work provided. Examples include easier veteran intake via phone that will help the office locate the veteran's information easier to assist.

Discussion on the new system was initiated and new information will be presented in the future for the commission to vote on in relation to the software and how it will be used inside the office. Board requested the ballpark figures, screenshots of the primary screens, itemize costs, and interface with incoming phone calls.

## **Honor Flight**

Since the office has more interest in participating in Honor flight as guardians, the board discussed what they want to support moving forward. The Veteran Service Staff to participate in Honor Flight as guardian by allowing 2 staff members (not same job descriptions) to be on the same flight and each person having the opportunity to attend 1 flight per year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Billboards**

Discussion of the billboard that is advertising the office for a 3-month period consisting of the office information and contact information. The second month will be advertising "Vet fest". The third month will be advertising Veterans Day parade. The billboard will be located on US23 North with the possibility of finding a billboard on I-71 to reach more veterans on their daily commute.

### **New VA facility coming to Delaware (update)**

Discussion on the new CBOC entering the area is still projected to be operational in late fall. Will continue to provide updates on the topic as we move closer to the anticipated dates.

### **5K ruck/Walk (veterans park)**

A 2<sup>nd</sup> annual ruck/walk event for the Ohio suicide prevention foundation for veterans and first responders is approaching on October 11<sup>th</sup> 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. Will discuss in future meetings to decide which route to take on the matter.

### **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.

## **CVSO training**

Commissioner Hill is requesting for him to be in attendance for the CVSO training. More discussion on the matter in the future when the dates are nearing.

## **House Bill 335 and the choice act**

House bill 335 is in the state house potentially dropping property tax to include inside mil-age. This is being watched closely by the State Veteran community with multiple types of opposition.

Choice act is passing the federal side allowing third party agencies to charge up to \$12,500.00 to submit claims on behalf of the veteran.

## **DIRECTOR's REPORT**

“Wave Top” report was sent out via email. Please review and see all of the work that is being done by the entire staff.

Derrick Zanders will be providing his schedule regarding his request to leave early certain days to coach young kids.

## **GOOD FOR THE ORDER:**

**NEXT MEETING:** Aug 11th, 2025 is the next scheduled meeting - 1730 hrs. – At 91 N. Sandusky (Veterans Services).

**Motion 25-0728-9 to adjourn the meeting at 2035 hrs.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Ray      2<sup>nd</sup> Hyatt      4-0 vote      PASSED**