

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF July 13th, 2026 REDACTED

Commissioners		
Ric Ray	President	Present
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	Present
John McAllister	Secretary	Present
Jeff Hill	Member	Present
Richard Mason	Member	Present
Veteran Services		
Brian Galligher	Director	Present
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	Present
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Ric Ray in 1730.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Review minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion – 26-0713-01 to approve the minutes from 06-25-2026 as written

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0713-02 to move into executive session at 1733 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion- 26-0713-03 to return to public session at 1812 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Ray

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0713-04-01 to waive the income threshold for Veteran Redacted to assist him and his family.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0713-04-02 to approve the total amount of \$682.95 to assist with current bills as well as provide (2) \$100 Meijer cards for Veteran Redacted and his family.

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASS

OLD BUSINESS:

MASH PANTRY

Discussion regarding the Forklift where the board approved purchase. Due to the large amount of \$18,500.00 and the uniqueness of the purchase, legal was approached to provide feedback. They said there needs to be a contract between Veteran Services and MASH Pantry to eliminate any liability on Veteran Services. The County Prosecutor Vince Villio is continuing to review it. The Veteran Service Commission board requests that the Director Brian Gallagher reach out to Vince to attend the next VSC meeting to explain and answer questions.

Financial Assistance Policy

The deputy director and the financial assistance officer presented the updated financial assistance policy to the board for approval. The deputy director requested a formal resolution to adopt the policy and begin immediate implementation

Motion-26-0713-05 to approve the updated financial assistance policy which was revised and reviewed by the deputy director and the financial assistance officer.

1st Hill

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASS

The Eternal Flame

Sunbury has contacted a board member to see if DCVSC would support the cost by donating funds. During the discussion, it was identified that multiple groups already support with one stating they donate enough to pay the entire bill. Finding this out, the board began to question all the money being donated, what is it being used for. The board would like to know more information before committing funds to support. More questions need to be answered, so further discussion is going to be held.

CBOC NAMING

Kim Gilley received a message that the VA received all of the letters for the naming of the CBOC and they will be reviewed and determined, updates to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

FOREVER GRATEFUL DINNER

The registration process for the Forever Grateful Dinner was reviewed, focusing on managing high guest limits while ensuring the event successfully targets Delaware County Veterans. Commissioner Hill requested that a meeting be held in November to discuss future process updates for 2027.

Cemetery Clean-up

Fabia Taylor continues to do an outstanding job organizing the cemeteries and restoring veterans' headstones and markers. She presented a packet to the board featuring before-and-after photographs of her work. The board highly praised Taylor for her consistent, exceptional dedication.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Wave Report: -the wavetop report was provided to the VSC

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Recent instances

NEXT MEETING: July 27th, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0713-06 to adjourn the meeting at 1925 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

5-0 Vote

PASS

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Motion – 26-0727-01 to approve the minutes from 07-13-2026 as written

1st Mason

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0727-02 to move into executive session at 1731 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion- 26-0727-03 to return to public session at 1748 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0727-04-01 to waive the number of annual requests for Veteran REDACTED

1st Hyatt

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0727-04-02 To waive the amount of lifetime assistance for Veteran REDACTED and approve the amount of \$700.00 for rent.

1st Hyatt

2nd McAllister

3-2 Vote

PASS

OLD BUSINESS:

STOCKHANDS UPDATE:

In review of stock hands proposal earlier in the year for more funding to their organization, the board discussed the proposed amount which was requested to be raised for monthly funding.

Motion-26-0727-05 to allow a rise in monthly funding to stock hands from \$3,000 to \$3,500.

1st Mason

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASS

MASH PANTRY:

Amber from MASH pantry has been in contact with Tim Funk from stock hands about the greenhouse that is on stock hands property. Tim Funk has requested that Amber from MASH pantry coordinates to remove the building from Stock hands property due to insurance coverage issues.

NEW BUISNESS:

A STABLE Account is a tax-advantaged savings and investment program administered by the Ohio Treasurer's Office that allows individuals with disabilities to save money without losing their government benefits. Under the federal ABLE Age Adjustment Act, veterans qualify if their disability onset occurred before age 46. The current limits allow standard contributions of up to \$20,000 per year (plus an extra \$15,650 if employed), with a maximum lifetime balance of \$517,000. This would help Veterans who are looking at the Aid and Attendance benefit by having money in a stable account to keep them below the maximum amount to qualify. The board is on board with a representative who comes to speak about the account and how it all operates. The director will set it up for an appearance at a future meeting as a guest speaker.

COUNTY FAIR STAFFING:

For the county fair the Veteran Service office will be staffing one employee per shift to best suit the needs of the office. The possibility of being inside the Merchants building this year is being discussed. The director of Veteran Services Brian Gallagher will be arranging to see if that is a possibility.

VET FEST:

Due to unforeseen circumstances, Outreach Coordinator Kimberly Gilley is requesting additional funding to cover program costs that were originally slated to be funded by the VA

Motion-26-0727-06 to raise the amount of funding to \$7,000 for VETFEST to best assist covering costs for the event.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Wave Report: -the wavetop report was provided to the VSC

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Commissioner Hill will be attending “Honor Flight” September 3rd

Commissioner Hyatt provided information from the commissioner’s meeting in which he attended. Some discussion on limits on financial assistance was had as well as discussing the changes that may come later on in the year.

NEXT MEETING: August 10th, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion-26-0727-07 to adjourn the meeting at 1900 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

5-0 Vote

PASS