

Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF May 11th, 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	Excused
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	Present
Speaking Guest(s)		

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluded at 1732 hrs.

Motion – 26-0511-01 to approve the minutes from 04-27-2026 as written

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0511-02 to move into executive session at 1733 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion- 26-0511-03 to return to public session at 1757 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0511-04-01 to waive the yearly limit and number of requests per year for Veteran REDACTED.

1st McAllister

2nd Mason

4-1 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0511-04-02 to approve the request for Veteran REDACTED rent in the amount of \$2,500.

1st Hill

2nd McAllister

4-1 Vote

PASS

OLD BUSINESS:

VCAS (Veteran Companion Animal Services) Kim Gilley and her husband will be attending the Gala on behalf of the Delaware County Veteran Service Office. No new updates currently.

Software Contract – The county’s legal team is currently still reviewing the contract. Updates to follow on the next meeting.

250th Project – The director updated the board on what has been going on with the 250th monument situation. The director of the office continues to be the primary point of contact and will continue to update the board when new information is provided.

Office Budget – the continuance review by the board for next year’s budget is still underway. The board will finalize the review to vote to approve the budget at the next Veteran Service Commission meeting on May 21st.

MASH –Working with the Auditor’s office to set up a monthly payment to MASH for supplying Ensure to Veterans. The Director is drafting an agreement for their signature. Commissioner Mason is going to be speaking with Amber from MASH about the forklift situation to provide a full report to the board at the next Veteran Service Commission meeting. Updates to follow.

NEW BUSINESS

Medical/ ambulatory related supplies – The director of the office discussed with the board the need for a resolution to be made for the purchasing of supplies in which may be medical and ambulatory related supplies for the office to purchase for veterans in the community. A recent issue came up with a needed resolution for the purchase of powered

wheelchair batteries in that DAV Chapter 3 in Columbus had a powered wheelchair to give to a Delaware Veteran, but the batteries were no good.

Motion-26-0511-05 to approve the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchasing of medical and ambulatory supplies to best assist the veterans in our community.

1st Mason

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASS

Stockhands request – The board was given a document in which listed a breakdown for a request of funding for Stockhands Horses for Healing. The document will be reviewed by the board and follow on discussion at the next Veteran Service Commission meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Policy – The Director of the office provided the board with a packet in which was the policy of the memorials for the cemetery's we provide for veterans and their families. The policy was given to the board to review and further discussion or updates to follow.

The director addressed emails and questions on the topic of becoming a commissioner for the Veteran Service Commission board. The director provided information to the board and just wanted to keep the board aware of any questions or concerns Veterans in the community may have.

Wave Report:

Distributed to all board members

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Director Brian Gallagher will be attending the Directors conference in Dublin on April 28th. Any pertinent information will be brought upon the board next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: May 21st, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1600 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0427-07 to adjourn the meeting at 1900 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASS

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Speaking Guest(s)		

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY: President Ric Ray in 1600.

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Approval of minutes concluded at 1602 hrs.

Motion – 26-0521-01 to approve the minutes from 05-11-2026 as written

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0521-02 to move into executive session at 1605 hrs.

1st Ray

2nd Hill

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion- 26-0521-03 to return to public session at 1643 hrs.

1st Mason

2nd McAllister

5-0 Vote

PASS

Motion-26-0521-04-01 to waive income limit for Veteran REDACTED

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion-26-0511-04-02 to approve the request for Veteran REDACTED rent in the amount of \$1,837.00, as well as provide him with a \$100 Meijer gift card to assist him and his daughter.

1st Hill 2nd McAllister 5-0 Vote PASS

Motion-26-0521-05-01 to waive income limit for Veteran REDACTED

1st Hyatt 2nd McAllister 4-1 Vote PASS

Motion-26-0521-05-02 to approve assist Veteran REDACTED with a hotel room until June 9th, also providing him (1) \$100 Meijer gift card to assist him with necessities during the duration of his stay. Veteran REDACTED will need to visit the Social Security office in Marion to fix issues with his direct deposit to receive further assistance.

1st McAllister 2nd Hill 4-1 Vote PASS

OLD BUSINESS:

Software Contract – The county’s legal team is currently still reviewing the contract. Updates to follow on the next meeting. Nothing new to report on currently

250th Project – Brian Galligher the director of the office is requesting a resolution to be passed by the board for the document in which was provided to the members of the board in which outlines the agreement for the memorials with the city of Delaware.

Motion-26-0521-06 to approve the resolution for the 250th memorials.

1st McAllister 2nd Hyatt 5-0 Vote PASS

Office Budget – The board discussed the final review of the budget with the Director, and Deputy Director of the office in hopes to approve it for the 2027 budget.

Motion 26-0521-07 to approve the document for the budget in 2027 which was presented to the board.

1st Hyatt 2nd Mason 5-0 Vote PASS

Mash –We are currently collaborating with the Auditor’s office to establish a recurring monthly payment to MASH, securing a steady supply of Ensure for our veterans. Additionally, following Commissioner Mason’s recent discussion with MASH regarding their operational challenges, he proposed an alternative route to ensure the purchase of their much-needed forklift.

Motion-26-0521-08 to approve up to \$18,500 for the purchase of a forklift for MASH pantry and remove the previous requirement put in place for it to have outdoor storage. \

1st Mason	2nd Hyatt	5-0 Vote	PASS
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NEW BUSINESS

Staff Hire- Management conducted interviews for an open position for drivers. By adding another strong asset in transportation to ensure veterans in the community receive the help they need for transportation to and from medical appointments. There were two candidates, and both were going to join the team for permanent and intermittent with the board’s approval. If approved the transportation manager will ensure they are informed and continue to move forward with the hiring process for the candidates.

Motion-26-0521-09 to approve both the hiring of Kris Fausnaugh as the part time permanent position and Walter Herron as the Part time intermittent position.

1st Ray	2nd Mason	5-0 Vote	PASS
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DIRECTORS REPORT:

Policy – The Director of the office provided the board with a packet in which was the policy of the memorials we provide for veterans and their families. The policy was given to the board to review and further discussion or updates to follow. Director Gallagher also mentioned that the county legal team viewed it as well and gave it praise. Nothing further to discuss.

Wave Report:

Distributed to all board members

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Memorial Day: a ceremony will be held at the Oak Grove Cemetery at 0930 with a band and a ceremony in remembrance of those who sacrificed for this country. Mayor Riggle of Delaware will be attending to speak.

NEXT MEETING: May 21st, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1600 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0521-10 to adjourn the meeting at 1800 hrs.

1st McAllister

2nd Hyatt

5-0 Vote

PASS