Veterans Services – Commissioner Bi-Monthly Meeting

REGULAR MEETING OF September 14th, 2026

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	**Excused**
Wm. Piwtorak	Deputy Director	**Present**
Foxx Schneider	Social Services	**Present**
Speaking Guest(s)		
Rey Cordero	Veteran Services	**Present**

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Review minutes from the previous meeting.

Motion – 26-0914-01 to approve the minutes from 08-24-2026 as written

1st Mason **2nd Hill** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

Motion-26-0914-02 to move into executive session at 1741 hrs.

1st McAllister **2nd Mason** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

Motion- 26-0914-03 to return to public session at 1821 hrs.

1st McAllister **2nd Mason** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

Special Guest: Rey Cordero (Veteran Service Officer) Delaware County

Mr. Cordero provided the board with a packet explaining a new holiday toy drive that the office will be leading. Rey explained the reasoning behind the initiative, highlighting the financial and emotional strain that local veteran families face as the holiday season approaches. He also mentioned the possibility of collaborating with local service organizations, which could assist in spreading awareness, identifying veteran families in need, and playing a key role in the project's overall success. Finally, Rey provided specific dates to the board, and the board suggested upcoming events that could be beneficial for advertising and ensuring the toy drive's success.

Motion-26-0914-04-01 to waive the Income limit for Veteran REDACTED.

1st Hyatt **2nd Mason** **4-1 Vote** **PASS**

Motion-26-0914-04-02 to approve the payments of (1) month of his mortgage ($2954.34) as well as (1) month car payment including late fees ($917.69) in the total amount of $3,872.03 for Veteran REDACTED.

1st Mason **2nd McAllister** **4-1 Vote** **PASS**

Motion-26-0914-05 to approve a waiver for the number of times requested within a year as well as a waiver of the $7,500 yearly limit for Veteran REDACTED.

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **4-1 Vote** **PASS**

OLD BUSINESS:

Funeral Reimbursement policy:

Discussion on this topic is tabled, the next discussion on funeral reimbursement will be held at the next meeting on September 28th, 2026

NEW BUISNESS:

Toy Drive Funding:

A request was made to the board to approve funds to support the upcoming toy drive mission.

Motion-26-09-14-06 to approve up to $1,000.00 to aid the mission of the toy drive in purchasing drop boxes for the gifts, wrapping paper, and supplies.

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

Attendance in CVSO training:
The Deputy Director discussed with the board how our office's Transportation Manager will be attending the CVSO (County Veteran Service Officer) training soon for fall school. This would cover hotel costs, the cost of the school, and understanding of per diem while attending the school.

Motion 26-0914-07 to approve Andrew attending fall school for Service Officer training, as well as approving all costs for hotel, and registration.

1st McAllister **2nd Mason** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

Veterans Festival (VETFEST):
The board is aware that approval is needed to allow funds to be given for vet fest, a resolution would assist with items being purchased and food trucks being allowed to be paid, as well as other items that will be listed below.

Motion 26-0914-08 to approve ALL funds for the support of VETFEST for (3) food trucks totaling in the amount of $9,304.00, Coffee in the amount of $660.00, Cinnamon Rolls in the amount of $750.00, and Gatorade in the amount of $545.00. The total amount for all these requested items to be approved is $11,259.00

1st Hyatt **2nd Hill** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

DIRECTORS REPORT:

Wave Report: -the wavetop report was provided to the VSC, noting that the Deputy Director and Rey will be doing a home visit, and discussing some details on the topic. Future updates to follow in later meetings.

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:
Commissioner Hill and commissioner Mason stated that they will not be in attendance for the meeting on 9/28.

NEXT MEETING: September 28th, 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0824-06 to adjourn the meeting at 1900 hrs.

1st McAllister **2nd Mason** **5-0 Vote** **PASS**

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REGULAR MEETING OF September 28th, 2026

Commissioners		
Ric Ray	President	**Present**
Dave Hyatt	Vice President	**Present**
John McAllister	Secretary	**Present**
Jeff Hill	Member	**Excused**
Richard Mason	Member	**Excused**
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 – 26-0928-01 to approve the minutes from 09-14-2026 as written

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **3-0 Vote** **PASS**

OLD BUSINESS:

Toy Drive

Information went out regarding this year's toy drive, hosted by Delaware County Veteran Services. Received contact from Ridge Water Event Center in Powell, they are planning on coordinating with us and help the cause, more details to follow. Also, the offices Deputy Director spoke with Powell Police and Liberty Township Fire both would be willing to be apart of drop off locations, and even Powell Police doing a "Fill a cruiser" to support our event. Commissioner Hyatt also mentioned reaching out to the schools to see if they would be willing to have a drop-off box of some sort, more discussion and updates to follow in future meetings.

Vet Fest

Vet fest will be this upcoming weekend on October 3rd, 2026, from 12pm-5pm. Weather may play a factor in the success of the event, but the event will go on, rain or shine. All planning for this event has gone smoothly and will provide a debrief after event is finished in a future meeting.

NEW BUISNESS:

Forever Grateful Dinner

Discussion on how the forever grateful dinner went was had, the commissioners who were present at the meeting discussed the possibility of creating a committee for planning and ensuring we are reaching Delaware County Veterans. Discussion about having the committee oversee tickets for the forever-grateful dinner. A plan to meet with the board members of the fair to figure out the best move forward. Updates and changes to follow in future meetings.

Motion 26-0928-02 to approve up to $11,000.00 for the purchasing of items and food for the forever grateful dinner on September 25th, 2026.

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **3-0 Vote** **PASS**

Rey Cordero – Training

As a member of the office Rey Cordero is requesting to attend training online regarding the appeals process, this training will not only be most valuable for Rey as a service office, but for the entire office. This training will be November 12th through November 13th and costs $300.00.

Motion 26-0928-03 to approve Rey to attend the training over the appeals process, to best help his knowledge, and the offices to successfully help Veterans in Delaware County.

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **3-0 Vote** **PASS**

DIRECTORS REPORT:

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

GOOD FOR THE ORDER:

Director Brian Gallagher spoke on the retirement of the USS Ohio. The reason it was brought to the board is so the Director can reach out to try and have the sail of the submarine be placed here as a memorial when its retirement occurs in the next few years.

Motion 26-0928-04 to allow Director Brian Gallagher to reach out to Admiral Miller to see about the retirement of the USS Ohio, and about retrieving its sail for not only Ohio, but Delaware County.

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **3-0 Vote** **PASS**

NEXT MEETING: October 12th , 2026, is the next meeting scheduled-1730 hrs. At 91 N. Sandusky Street (Veterans Services).

Motion 26-0928-06 to adjourn the meeting at 1810 hrs.

1st McAllister **2nd Hyatt** **3-0 Vote** **PASS**