

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
February 24, 2026**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer
4. Roll call of Officers

David Allen (MCL) Chair

MCL 1253 – Willie Berry

DAV 34 – Ken Brooks (absent), Mike Peeken (absent)

AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn**, Jim Grimes

AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser

AL 408 – Nic Smith (absent), Mark Warpet (excused)

AL 755 - **Dan Horton**, Joe Gaca

AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess, Fritz Fitzgerald**

AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**, Tim Cmielowicz (absent)

AL 85 – John McGarey (excused), Daniel Guimond (absent)

AmVets 107 - Tom Page (excused), Tony Just (absent)

VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**

VFW 2857 - Roger Bean (excused), Nick Monacelli (absent)

VFW 7535 – Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn (membership)

Office staff: Eric Peterson, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac

Guest: Don Raines, Ed Peters

5. Public Comment - none
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings

A motion was made by Michael L., 2nd by Manny. to approve Minutes commission meetings for January. Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark S., 2nd by Willie. to approve all financial business. Motion carried.

8. Report of committees – (none)

9. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mike L., 2nd by Carey H., to approve the office report. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

*Update on remodel. Eric discussed the change orders for the office remodel and pricing. Pricing sheets attached. A motion was made by Mike L., 2nd by Wayne Burgess to approve the change orders and continue moving forward. Roll call vote was taken. Motion approved.

*List of Liberty Lodge will be coming out soon. But Flu Kits and cleaning supplies are always welcome

*We now have the right person to talk to about the bus. Moving forward with process.

11. New Business

12. Retire Colors

13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark S., 2nd by Willie. to adjourn. Motion carried.