

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
July 28, 2026**

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

MCL 1253 – **David Allen, Willie Berry**
DAV 34 – Ken Brooks (excused), **Ed Peters**
AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn**, Jim Grimes (excused)
AL 1019 – **Carey Hall, Jim Wasser**
AL 408 – **Mark Warpet**
AL 755 - Dan Horton (excused), **Joe Gaca**
AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess, Fritz Fritzgerald** (Chair)
AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**
VFW 9961 **Manny Quinto, Michael Lockwood**
VFW 2857 - Roger Bean (excused), **Nick Monacelli**
Office staff: Eric Peterson, Chris Senesac, Karen Smietanski

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

A motion was made by Mike Lockwood, 2nd by Mark Warpet to approve Minutes commission meetings for June. Motion Carried.

6. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

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

7. Report of committees – The budget committee met before the full commission meeting. Meeting minutes are attached. Budget was brought forward to full committee to review and vote on next month.

8. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mike Lockwood, 2nd by Ed Peters, to approve the office report. Motion carried.

9. Old Business – Committee was stood up for joint services for Memorial Day and Veterans Day. They will meet before next month's board meeting at 5 pm. This is a Kankakee Veterans Council function not a VAC function.

10. New Business

11. Retire Colors

12. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Warpet, 2nd by Manny Quinto to adjourn. Motion carried.