

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
December 23, 2025**

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

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

Office staff: Eric Peterson, Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac

5. Public Comment - none

6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings

A motion was made by Mark S., 2nd by Mark W. to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Michael L., 2nd by Wayne B. to approve all financial business. Motion carried.

8. Report of committees –

The by-laws committee met before full meeting. By-law review was completed. Amendments were made and handed out to all members present. First reading of by-law changes presented.

9. Approval of Office Report

The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Mark W., 2nd by Manny Q. to approve the office report. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

Superintendent Peterson went through the bidding that had happened at the County Highways, Buildings and Waterways committee meeting. A motion was made by Mark S., 2nd by Willie Berry to accept the lowest responsible bid as presented by the Carlisle Group. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

11. New Business

The 2026 meeting dates were presented. A motion was made by Wayne B, 2nd by Mark W to accept the meeting dates as printed.

12. Retire Colors

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