

**MINUTES OF MEETING
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD
May 26, 2026**

1. Call to Order
2. Opening Ceremony – Pledge of Allegiance – Post Colors
3. Prayer including a moment of silence for Don Raines
4. Roll call of Officers

MCL 1253 – **David Allen, Willie Berry**

DAV 34 – Ken Brooks (excused), **Ed Peters**

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

AL 1019 – **Carey Hall, Jim Wasser**

AL 408 – **Mark Warpet**

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

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

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

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

A motion was made by Jim Wasser, 2nd by Mark Warpet to approve Minutes commission meetings for March. Motion Carried.

7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims

Claims and financial reports were reviewed. A motion was made by Mark Warpet, 2nd by Manny Quinto 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 Michael Lockwood, 2nd by Manny Quinto, to approve the office report. Motion carried.

10. Old Business

11. New Business

Discussion around rotating Memorial Day and Veterans Day services around the county so that the community is more involved with each spot instead of spreading them around. It was suggested that we form a committee to look at what that looks like. Each member is supposed to take it back to their post and have someone appointment by their post to that committee. Eric will send out letter to each post to remind them and hopefully we can take action next month.

12. Retire Colors

13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Warpet, 2nd by Jim Wasser to adjourn. Motion carried.