

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
BOARD  
FOR  
May 27, 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, Mike Peeken**
  - AL 1164 – **Mark Straughn**, Jim Grimes (absent)
  - AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser (absent)
  - AL 408 – Nic Smith (excused), **Mark Warpet**
  - AL 755 - **Dan Horton**, Joe Gaca (absent)
  - AL 766 – **Wayne Burgess**, Corey Norton (absent)
  - AL 795 – **Dennis Pankey**, Tim Cmielowicz (absent)
  - AL 85 – **John McGarey**, Daniel Guimond (absent)
  - AmVets 107 - Tom Page (excused), Tony Just (absent)
  - VFW 9961 Manny Quinto (excused), **Michael Lockwood**
  - VFW 2857 - Roger Bean, **Nick Monacelli**
  - VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**
  - Office staff: Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac, Eric Peterson,
  - Guests: Fritz Fritzgerald
5. Public Comment - **Alexis McCoullough** made a presentation
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings
  - A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Straughn to approve Minutes. Motion Carried.
7. Approval of Veterans Financial Assistance and Financial Claims
  - A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mark Warpet to approve all Financial business. Motion carried.
8. Report of committees – Budget committee forwarded their recommendation for budget to full commission for consideration. No one had comments and were asked to contact Eric or Karen before next meeting if questions arise. Will be voted on next month.
9. Approval of Office Report
  - The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Burgess to approve the office report. Motion carried.
10. Old Business
  - Reading of Resolutions. This was tabled until next month.
11. New Business
12. Retire Colors
13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Warpet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wayne Burgess to adjourn. Motion carried.