

**MINUTES OF MEETING  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION  
BOARD  
FOR  
August 26, 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 (excused)
  - DAV 34 – **Ken Brooks**, Mike Peeken (absent)
  - AL 1164 – Mark Straughn (absent), **Jim Grimes**
  - AL 1019 – **Carey Hall**, Jim Wasser (absent)
  - 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 (absent), **Nick Monacelli**
  - VFW 7535 – **Raymond Jacobsen, Dennis Horn**
  - Office staff: Karen Smietanski, Chris Senesac, Eric Peterson,
5. Public Comment -
6. Reading & Approval of the minutes of the Commission Meetings (joint approval for both minutes)
  - A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Manny Quinto 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 – None
9. Approval of Office Report
  - The office report was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by Ken Brooks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Michael Lockwood to approve the office report. Motion carried.
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Retire Colors
13. Adjourn – A motion was made Mark Warpet, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Fritz Fitzgerald to adjourn. Motion carried.