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June 11, 2025

Minutes for the Medina County Veterans Service Commission Meeting June 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by the Vice President, Mr. Grassa, who called for the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Schwehm, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Roberts were present. President Hoessle was excused.

The minutes from the May 8, 2025, regular meeting were read. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Appeals presented to the Commission: NONE

	Name	Present	Granted	Resolution #
1.				

Operational bills were presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $6,983.53. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept and pay the bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #055-06-25)*

Demand operational bills paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $4,744.81 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the paid bills as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #056-06-25)*

Financial assistance investigations were conducted, and financial assistance was granted. There was a total of 15 cases. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept cases, pay bills, and process cash grants totaling $14,225.60; motion carried. *(Resolution #057-06-25)*

Demand financial assistance paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $12,636.32 were reviewed by the Commissioners. Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded the motion to accept the paid emergency assistance as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #058-06-25)*

Procurement card invoice paid prior to the board meeting in the amount of $295.95 was presented to the board. Mr. Lawrence moved, and Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to accept the paid procurement card invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #059-06-25)*

A Dental invoice was presented to the Commissioners in the amount of $2,007.00. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion to accept the dental invoice as presented; motion carried. *(Resolution #060-06-25)*

RESOLUTIONS:

Mr. Roberts moved, and Mr. Schwehm seconded a motion to purchase a $100 flag for the Colors of Honor display in August, representing the board Commissioners. The flag will be purchased with personal funds. Motion passed. *(Resolution #061-06-25)*

SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT

Client data for the month of May 2025:

- 1 new applicant for financial assistance and 14 old cases for a total of 15 cases
- 0 ineligible financial assistance applications
- 66 Compensation and Pension claims filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)
- 189 appointments
- 78 van riders
- 1 Veteran at Next Step Up (Medina County shelter)

MCVSO, NACVSO, OSACVSO & OSACVSC

Future Trainings and Funding:

CVSO:

July 13 – 19, 2025 – NACVSO Conference – Ed & Mark in person, Danielle & Sue online
July 25, 2025 – OSACVSO Quarterly Training – Ed, Mark, Danielle
Online training: Nepotism, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

CVSC:

July 25 – 27, 2025 – OSACVSC Summer Conference
Online training: Nepotism, Communicating in a Crisis, Recognizing Impairment in the Workplace, The Ohio Ethics Law: Searching for Ethics

EVENTS

Past:

- May 12, 2025 – Roundtable at Masonic Home – Ed & Jason
- May 14, 2025 – Senior Net Meeting (at MCVSO)
- May 16, 2025 – Merchant Marine Plaque Dedication at Chippewa Lake
- May 21, 2025 – Senior Day – Medina County Community Center
- Thursdays – May 22 to June 26: 6-9 pm @ Quaker Steak & Lube – Fundraiser
- May 24,2025 – Decorating graves @ OWRNC
- May 25, 2025 – OWRNC Memorial Day Ceremony @ 2:00 pm
- May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day Parade-Medina, our van will transport Veterans
- May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day Event @ Chatham – Ed, speaker
- May 26, 2025 – Memorial Day ceremony @ Vietnam Memorial – Ed & Mark

Future:

- June 14, 2025 – Women's Veterans Day @ Memorial Hall – Mark & Jason
- June 20, 2025 – AMVETS picnic @ Hall
- June 21, 2025 – Wounded Warrier Project @ Forever Amber Acres – Mark
- July 26, 2025 – SPCA Event @ Medina VFW– Mark & Jason
- July 28, 2025 – Veterans Day at the Medina County Fair
- July 28 – August 3, 2025 – Medina County Fair
- August 15 – 17, 2025 - Colors of Honor

Programs:

- Unleashed Creativity (Art class)
- Reflexology
- tED Talks
- Tai Chi
- Nature Walks
- VA Outreach nurses weekly
- VA Mental Health group sessions (2 times a month)
- Money management
- Suicide training

TRAVEL

- None

COMMISSIONERS ACTIVITY REPORT

American Legion Representative (Mr. Grassa): VSO: Monthly meeting. American Legion: Monthly meeting, Pick up flowers for Memorial Day, Help set up for parade, Attended the installation of new roof for veteran w/ Purple Hearts, sold raffle tickets for legion charities. VFW: Monthly meeting. Veterans Hall: Work on sign programming, veterans luncheon, Fix A/V equipment.

AMVETS Representative (Mr. Roberts): VSO: Monthly meeting. AMVETS: Memorial Day Parade, ceremony, luncheon.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Representative (Mr. Lawrence): VSO: Monthly meeting. VVA #385: Life member, monthly meeting, honor flight (Vietnam Veterans) to Washington DC. VFW Post #5137: Monthly meeting, Honor Guard (National cemetery, Merchant Marine ceremony, Western Reserve Masonic Temple program, Memorial Day parade and Vietnam Memorial ceremony), installation of officers (Junior Vice Commander), placed VFW auxiliary flags at cemeteries, VFW fish fry meeting. DAV Post #72: Life member. American Legion #202: Annual member.

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Representative (Mr. Hoessle): American Legion Post #202: Honor guard, monthly meeting, Buckeye Boys State. VFW Post #5137: Honor Guard, Service Officer, building and grounds maintenance, monthly meeting. VVA: Life member. Valor Court: Mentor, meetings. VSO: Monthly meeting.

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Representative (Mr. Schwehm): DAV: Monthly meeting, presented medallions to MHS graduating & enlisting in Armed Forces. VSO: Monthly meeting, Quaker Steak & Lube fundraiser.

CORRESPONDENCE

- Mail: Thank you card from Melanie Miller
- Received 5 - $50.00 Walmart gift cards from the DAVA #72.
- Email: None

OLD BUSINESS

- Safe storage for guns discussed with Sheriff's Office
- Medina Signs still needs to complete the door signs
- The Vietnam Memorial rock – 2nd estimate requested by Lamphear's, they aren't sure that they can get the type of rock we would like
- Decided to not repair cracked tile in hallway
- Our email will be changed to .gov, expecting late August for changeover

NEW BUSINESS:

- 2025 budget has been turned in to Finance with a hearing requested
- Dave Taylor would like to have a sign installed at Vietnam Memorial – America 250
- Fair schedule
- Totals for ancillary funds disclosed

CLOSING

- Time sheets were checked and verified.
- The next regular meeting will be Thursday, July 10, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- At 4:42 p.m. there was no further business to come before the board. Mr. Schwehm moved, and Mr. Lawrence seconded a motion to adjourn; motion carried.

PRESIDENT _____ 7-10-25

SECRETARY _____

CLERK Sue Boggs

DATE 7/10/2025