

Council on Veterans Programs

Meeting minutes – June 15, 2023, 11:00am

In-Person at Wisconsin Veterans Museum with a Virtual Option

Council Members present:

Paul F. Fisk	American Legion Dept. of WI
Michelle Matuszak	American Red Cross
Dale Wiegand	AMVETS
Colin Moten	County Veteran Service Officers Assoc.
Larry D. Hill	Disabled American Veterans
Phillip Landgraf	Marine Corps League
Kim Queen	Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A.
Roger Fetterly	Military Officers Assoc. of America
William Simms	National Association of Black Veterans
Nellie P. De Baker	Polish Legion of American Veterans
Scott Griffith	Paralyzed Veterans of America
Michael L. Furgal	VFW of WI
Vern Larson	Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.
George Banda	Wisconsin American GI Forum
David Zien	WI Assoc of Concerned Veteran Org.
William Hustad	Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Inc.

Absent:

William Simms	National Association of Black Veterans
Carolyn Mogan	United Women Veterans, Inc.
William Lobeck	Military Order of the Purple Heart
David Zien	WI Assoc of Concerned Veteran Org.
VACANT	Retired Enlisted Association

Inactive Council Organizations:

American Ex-Prisoners of War
Army and Navy Union of the United State of America
Blinded Veterans Association of Wisconsin
Catholic War Veterans of the U.S.A.
Navy Club of the U.S.A.
US Submarine Veterans of World War II
Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Inc.

Others Present: (not inclusive)

Al Labelle - DAV
Jason Maloney - BOVA
Jordan Tilleson - VFW
Mark Mathwig - BOVA
Pat Beggs - BOVA
Rep. James Edming - State Assembly
Tyler Longsine - Rep. Edming Office
Dan Posca - Rep. Edming Office
Joe Rasmussen - UW Madison

WDVA Staff Present:

Joseph Hoey, Asst. Deputy Secretary
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator
Colleen Flaherty, Public Affairs
Shannon Miller, Public Affairs
Mindy Allen, OLC (virtual)
Kevin Hampton, Museum
Larry Graves, Veterans Benefits (virtual)

Chair Larry Hill called the meeting to order at 11:00am. Roll call was taken, 14 members in attendance, a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Council was informed that WDVA would not be certifying meetings anymore, this is not a requirement of the Council.

Minutes from March 16, 2023 were reviewed; Vern Larson made a motion to approved the minutes, second by Michael Furgal and Nellie DeBaker; minutes were unanimously approved.

Representative James Edming and staff address the Council about the property tax credit bill, UW MIA Identification program, provide an update about Assembly Bill 231.

Assistant Deputy Secretary Joseph Hoey provided an agency and legislative update to the Board. Members and organizations were reminded to return appointment letters and oath of office paperwork.

Guest Al Labelle, DAV, provided information on the Veterans Day at the Capitol that took place on April 26.

Member reports were shared with the Council.

Public Input: None took place

Future agenda items: Election of Officers, review of COVP bylaws, update on Assembly Bill 231.

Motion to adjourn: Paul Fisk made a motion to adjourn; Vern Larson 2nd the motion. Motion passed on a

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Hill, Chair