

Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation Committee Meeting Minutes

Saturday March 22, 2025

11am In-Person

Agenda

The Department of Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Committee meeting was called to order at 11am by David Cook of the 6th District. David Cook was appointed as secretary from the 6th District. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by David Cook of the 6th District and the invocation was given by Darell Bishop of the 5th District.

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Call to Order | Chairman |
| 2. Pledge of Allegiance | Chairman |
| 3. Appoint Secretary | Chairman |
| 4. Roll Call of Committee Members | Chairman |

Dist.	Name	Substitute	Present	Absent	Voucher
1	Phillip Cipriani Jr.		X		
2	Mike Homan		X		
3	Mike Blackwell		X		
4	Jerry Perry		X		
5	Darell Bishop		X		
6	David Cook, Chairman		X		
7	John Tepper		X		
8	Vacant				
9	William Ditterbrand		X		
10	Bob Rhodes		X		
11	Steve Wainwright		X		
12	George Mussi			X	
13	Leroy Brinkhoff		X		
14	Bob Carson		X	X	
Total			12	2	

5. Introduction of Guest: 1ST Vice Commander Stan Oren, VBA Coordinator William Genochio

6. Reading of previous minutes: Motion by Mike Homan of the 2nd District, seconded by Darell Bishop of the 5th. Motion passed.

7. District Reports:

1st Stated Toledo clinic doing e sign in.

2nd Auxiliary handed out items two Veterans.

3rd March 25 and April 22 will have training for Care & Compaction for helping wounded Veterans and WOW event at 6PM to 7:30PM

4th handout on VAVS committee minutes and Cincinnati VAVS Centenarian Recognition Program

5th No report

6th things at Columbus Clinic are getting back to where they were pre Covid.

7th June Carnival had 45 Veterans in attendance. Appetition Day July 19, 2025, will have Ball Game all day. Make a wish Called HOPE doing something= he will attend to see how it goes, so will know if it is doing what it stated it would be for. New wing added, to be for longer than usual stays, but not long term stays.

8th Vacant

9th Bingo on the 3rd Sunday.

10th No Report

11th - Vietnam Veteran of the Year. Also, Hall of fame, Held at the Collage. To tell stories of their service. Working on GFY

12th No Report

13th Leroy Brinkhoff, VAVS no report, will be going to the hospital on Friday October 11th.

14th No Report

8. Unfinished Business

a. Veterans Treatment Court: None reported at this time.

b. Update on various Bills:

Genochio informed the VA&R Commission that all precious Bill under the 135th General assembly are now considered dead and would need to be reintroduced to the 136th General Assembly.

Update on HB 69: Currently in the House Committee.

a. Revise membership of the County Veterans Service Commissions

Update H.R. 1282: – Major Richard Star Act: Introduced and placed on the Union Calendar No. 117.

a. To amend title 10, United States Code, to expand eligibility to certain military retirees for concurrent receipt of veterans' disability compensation and retired pay or combat-related special compensation, and for other purposes.

Update H. R. 303: Introduced 2/8/2023 referred to Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs

a. This bill allows the receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation with respect to any service-connected disability. Under current law, only individuals with service-connected disabilities rated at 50% or more receive both without offset.

b. Individuals who were retired or separated after at least 20 years of military service due to a service-connected disability shall be eligible for the full concurrent receipt of both veterans' disability compensation and either military retired pay or combat-related special pay.

9. New Business

Genochio gave up date on DSO. Have hired a new DSO in the Chillicothe VA Medical Center Troy Elliott. He is accredited and awaiting VA Systems to be granted access.

Gifts for Yanks Report: Darell Bishop of the 5th gave the moneys donated by districts to the Commission.

Awards: Genochio gave review on Awards. Opened the floor for nominations and discussion. No awards were presented to the commission.

- a. **Department Awards:** Veterans Affairs Award, Al Shaefer Award
- b. **National Awards:** VAVS National Advisory Committee (NAC) Volunteer of the Year, VA Physician of the Year, VA health Care worker of the Year, Certificates of Application to Outstanding VA Officials, William F. Lenker Award.

10. Resolutions: None

Good of the Legion: A flag that was flown on USS Constitution is at Post? Tipper stated VVA put in for award Donut Dolly? Genochio stated rising funds for Riders.

11. Closing Prayer: Darell Bishop of the 5th District

12. Salute to the Colors

13. Adjourn, Meeting was adjourned at 12pm