

MINUTES  
COUNCIL ON VETERANS PROGRAMS  
Meeting of February 22, 2018  
Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs  
201 West Washington Ave, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Madison, WI 53703

**Members**

David Schmidt, AMVETS  
Fernando Rodriguez, American GI Forum  
Paul Fisk, American Legion  
Richard Seymour, American Red Cross  
Vacant, ANU  
Gary Traynor, Blinded Veterans Assoc.  
Colin Moten, CVSOA  
Larry Hill, DAV  
Peter Gilbert, JWV  
Phillip Landgraf, MCL  
Roger Fetterly, MOAA  
Vacant, MOPH  
William Sims, NABV  
Marie Annette Epnnett-Murphy, NCUSA  
Nellie De Baker, PLAV  
Dale Nelson, PVA  
Lester Bischoff, TREA  
Elizabeth Benn, UWV  
Mike Furgal, VFW  
Steve House, VVA  
Rich Peters, VVAW  
Clifton Sorenson, WACVO  
Bill Hustad, WVV  
Inactive, Am. Ex-POWs  
Inactive, USSVWWII  
Inactive, CWV

**Others Present (not all inclusive)**

No Public Present

**WDVA Present**

Secretary Daniel Zimmerman  
Deputy Secretary Tom Rhatican  
Chief Legal Counsel Chad Koplien  
Executive Staff Assistant Kelly Behling  
Executive Staff Assistant Josh Heine

1. Call to order, roll call

The meeting of the Council on Veterans Programs was called to order by Philip Landgraf . Role was called and a quorum was present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Certification of notice of meeting

The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.

4. Review and action on November 16, 2017 COVP meeting minutes  
It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously on a voice vote to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 16, 2017.
5. Secretary's Comments  
Secretary Zimmerman Addressed the Council.
6. Veterans Courts Information Briefing  
Chief Legal Counsel Chad Koplien provided Information on Veterans Courts.
7. Review and discussion of Legislative Fiscal Bureau 2017 Information Paper 90, State Programs for Veterans  
The Council on Veterans Programs created two ADH-Committees to review Information Page 90 and report back to the Council with recommended changes/updates to current Benefits. The First ADHC-Committee was to focus on Education Benefits and Veterans Homes. The Second ADHC-Committee was to focus on Grant and Loans.
8. Veterans Trust Fund update  
Secretary Zimmerman provided an update on the Veterans Trust Fund.
9. Present any proposed legislation for support letters  
Motion made for Council Chair Philip Landgraf to write a letter of support to WDVA for the Talent Attraction and Jobs Senate and Assembly bills. As well as the VORP Senate and Assembly Bills. Motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.
10. Council members' matters not subject to adoption  
No matters to discuss.
11. Public input  
No Public Present
12. Future Meetings  
June 28<sup>th</sup> at Union Grove Veterans Home.
13. Adjournment  
It was moved, seconded, and carried on a voice vote to adjourn the meeting.

Philip Landgraf  
Chair

Attachments:

