

**Council on Veterans Programs**  
Meeting minutes – Decmber 15, 2022, 10:00am  
Virtual Meeting

**Council Members present:**

Paul F. Fisk	American Legion Dept. of WI
Michelle Matuszak	American Red Cross
Dave Schmidt	AMVETS
Colin Moten	County Veteran Service Officers Assoc.
Larry D. Hill	Disabled American Veterans
Kim Queen	Jewish War Veterans of the USA.
Roger Fetterly	Military Officers Assoc. of America
William Lobeck	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Scott Griffin	Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)
Nellie P. De Baker	Polish Legion of American Veterans
Lester L. Bischoff	Retired Enlisted Assoc.
Carolyn Mogan	United Women Veterans, Inc.
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.

**Others Present: (not inclusive)**

Al Labelle - DAV  
Jason Maloney - BOVA  
Joe Hines  
Jordan Tollfeson, VFW

**WDVA Staff Present:**

Mary Kolar, Secretary  
Kathy Still, Assist. Deputy Secretary  
Colleen Flaherty, Communications  
Scott Sussman, OLC  
Kelly Behling, Executive Staff Assistant  
Shannon Miller, Communications  
Scott Williams, Veterans Benefits  
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator  
Andrew Martin, Veterans Benefits

**Absent:**

Phillip Landgraf	Marine Corps League
William Sims	National Assoc. for Black Veterans, Inc.

**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.

Chair Larry Hill called the meeting to order at 10:00am. Roll call was taken a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Certification of Notice of Meeting was confirmed; the meeting was certified as being properly noticed.

Minutes from September 15, 2022 were reviewed; Vern Larsen made a motion to approved the minutes, second byGeorge Banda; minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest speakers: Al LaBelle/DAV -Representative Hesselbein

Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the council.

Assistant Deputy Secretary Kathy Still provided a Legislative update to the council.

Member reports were shared with the Council.

Public Input: Jason Maloney, BOVA Member - Blue Ribbon Commission

Future agenda items: New Legislation, Committee Chairs attend Capitol events in March.

Motion to adjourn: Paul Fisk made a motion to adjourn; George Banda 2nd the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote; meeting adjourned at 11:14am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Hill, Chair