

**Council on Veterans Programs**  
Meeting minutes – June 23, 2022, 10:00am  
ZOOM / Teleconference

**Council Members present:**

Paul F. Fisk	American Legion Dept. of WI
Michelle Matuszak	American Red Cross
Colin Moten	County Veteran Service Officers Assoc.
Larry D. Hill	Disabled American Veterans
Phillip Landgraf	Marine Corps League
Roger Fetterly	Military Officers Assoc. of America
William Sims	National Assoc. for Black Veterans, Inc.
Nellie P. De Baker	Polish Legion of American Veterans
Elizabeth Benn	United Women Veterans, Inc.
Michael L. Furgal	VFW of WI
George Banda	Wisconsin American GI Forum
David Zien	WI Assoc of Concerned Veteran Org.
William Hustad	Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans, Inc.

**Absent:**

William Lobeck	Military Order of the Purple Heart
Peter Carrao	Paralyzed Veterans of America

**Excused:**

Dave Schmidt	AMVETS
Kim Queen	Jewish War Veterans of the USA.
Lester L. Bischoff	Retired Enlisted Assoc.
Vern Larson	Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

**Others Present: (not inclusive)**

Mark Grams  
Scott Griffith  
Carolyn Morgan  
Andrew Miller  
Bruce Wilber  
E. Stoker  
Felicia Decker  
Peter Johnston  
Rock Larson  
Margaret Garuin  
Ali Nelson  
Al LaBelle  
Joseph Koch

**WDVA Staff Present:**

Mary Kolar, Secretary  
Kathy Still, Assist. Deputy Secretary  
James Bond, Deputy Secretary  
Colleen Flaherty, Communications Director  
Chad Koplien, Legal  
Kelly Behling, OOS  
Larry Graves, Veterans Educ.  
Diane Lynch, Homes Administrator

**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 10:01am. Roll call was taken a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Certification of Notice of Meeting was recognized.

The meeting was certified as being properly noticed.

Minutes from August 12, 2021 were reviewed; George Banda made a motion to approved the minutes, second by Phillip Landgraf; minutes were unanimously approved.

Secretary Kolar provided an agency update to the council.

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

Discussion to form an AD HOC committee to review Disabled Veterans Property Tax credits.

Guest: Joseph Koch, Veteran Farmers organization shared information on their program to train Veterans.

Public Input: None

George Banda made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Colin Moten second the motion. Motion passed on a unanimous vote; meeting adjourned at 11:15am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Hill, Chair