



**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING OF THE
MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
DECEMBER 8, 2021 at 10:00 AM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. ROLL CALL

Administrative Officer Bryan Suddith took the roll call.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X	
William Fried, Vice President	X	
Jim Dare, Secretary	X	
John Theobald, Commissioner	X	

Staff members present: Kim Frisco, Executive Director, Dan Semsel, Deputy Director, Bryan Suddith, Administrative Officer and Veterans Legal Counsel Steve Strain.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commission President Jerry Hays led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Commission observed a moment of silence.

IV. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2021 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Fried moved for approval and Commissioner Theobald seconded a motion to approve the November 10, 2021 minutes as presented. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

V. PENDING LITIGATION DISCUSSION

Commissioner Hays moved to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation, per ORC 121.22 G (3), and Commissioner Theobald seconded the motion. All commissioners in attendance vote Aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays entered executive session at 10:06 a.m. and asked guests to wait outside the room.

Executive session ended at 10:14 a.m.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jim and Leslie Groves from Gold Star Families presented the history and mission of Gold Star Families and updated the commission on current fundraising goals for an Ohio monument. Details of this project and the work of the Woody Williams Foundation can be found at <https://woodywilliams.org/monuments/columbus-oh.html>

VII. OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the Period of November 1-30, 2021

A motion to approve the Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance report was made by Commissioner Fried and seconded by Commissioner Dare. All commissioners voted aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A motion was made by Commissioner Fried to enter into executive session to discuss various personnel matters. That motion was seconded by Commissioner Dare. All commissioners voted aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved and declared the meeting in executive session at 10:37 a.m.

The executive session ended at 11:33 a.m.

Commissioner Dare made a motion to award a one-time performance bonus to each of the 13 employees of the Commission in the amount of \$500. Commissioner Fried seconded the motion. All commissioners voted aye.

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Jerry Hays, President	X		
William Fried, Vice President	X		
Jim Dare, Secretary	X		
John Theobald, Commissioner	X		

President Hays declared the motion approved as presented.

IX. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Executive Director presented her report and staff reports from Legal Counsel and Admin officer. These reports are attached in their entirety to these minutes.

X. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

President Jerry Hays

- DAV Meeting in person on 12/8.
- President Jerry Hays also asked for prayers for our country and its leaders.

Vice President Bill Fried

- Thank you to Steve Strain for his presentation to the November VVA Meeting.
- December VVA Holiday Dinner is December 11
- December 17, National Cemetery Wreaths Across America

Secretary Jim Dare

- The OSACVSC Fall Conference, specifically the District 6 meeting, was very helpful this past month.
- Thank you to everyone who helped assist with the celebration of Dean Goodwin's 103rd Birthday at the Miamisburg American Legion post. Very good day for Dean and his family.

Commissioner John Theobald

- Also commented on how helpful the Fall OSACVSC Conference was for him, and seconded Jim's comment about the District 6 meeting. Very valuable experience.
- Mentioned the I-70/75 Corridor association and the value it could bring if Kim was to present to a meeting in the future. Very Veteran heavy organization focused on Regional Economic Development.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:54 a.m.

Jerry Hays, President

William Fried, Vice President

James Dare, Secretary

John Theobald, Commissioner