



**Meeting Minutes of the
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
October 9, 2024, at 10:00 AM**

I. Call to Order

President Jerry Hays called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. at 627 Edwin C. Moses Boulevard, 4th Floor, East Medical Plaza, Dayton, Ohio 45417.

II. Roll Call

Stacy Schulte called the roll.

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

Staff members present:

- Kim Frisco, Director
- Stacy Schulte, Clerical Support Specialist

Guests: Mr. Fred Rojas, Commander, VFW Post 9550 Centerville, Ohio
Mr. William Bowers – Master Sgt., USAF, Retired

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

a.) Commissioner Fried moved to approve the September 4, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Theobald.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

b.) Commissioner Fried moved to approve the September 24, 2024, minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Theobald.

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

Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

V. Public Comments

Mr. William Bowers addressed the Commission, he recently attended the Atlanta Military Influencer Conference 2024. He praised the commission for how well they respond to the needs of Montgomery County, Ohio.

He also attended the 2024 Ohio Defense & Aerospace Forum at Wright State University.

Mr. Bowers informed the commission of the following upcoming events:

1. Wright Patterson AFB will be hosting the 2024 Annual Retiree Appreciation Day on October 23, 2024, from 7 a.m. to 2p.m. It is open to all military retirees and their families.
2. The Wright State University Student Veteran Association is holding a Land Navigation Challenge on Saturday, November 2, 2024, open to current students.
3. The DAV's 5K event will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at Great American Ball Park, there is still time to register.
4. Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 751 is looking for donations for the

gift baskets. Last year they provided gift cards to 180 active-duty personnel to help with Thanksgiving dinner.

Mr. Fred Rojas, presented on behalf of Freedom Whiskey Veteran's Celebration honoring the 2024 Veteran of the Year Dr. Cassie Barlow. The event will take place on November 16, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the Miamisburg Moose Lodge. All proceeds from this event will benefit Hunter's Helping Heroes and will also send 3 veterans through the Save a Warrior program. Mr. Rojas requested a sponsorship/partnership from MCVSC. After a lengthy discussion between Mr. Rojas and the Commissioners and after review of the Ohio Attorney General's Opinion (2001 Op. Att'y Gen. No. 2001-033), it was determined that MCVSC is prohibited from sponsoring this nonprofit organization as we are not permitted to have an outreach table/space in order for our Veteran Service Officer(s) to speak to the veterans in attendance. Mr. Rojas requested that the MVSC website and sponsorship form be updated to include the Ohio AG guidelines. Mr. Fried stated that our form has not yet caught up with the current guidelines and that it will be rectified.

Mr. Rojas also requested that any open job posting within MCVSC be shared with the local posts.

VI. Old Business

- a.) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the period of September 1 - 30, 2024. Commissioner Theobald moved to approve, and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mr. Theobald asked why there were 3 veteran denials for financial assistance and no reason was listed. Executive Director Frisco explained that the VSO was on leave and there was a communication gap but that the situation has been addressed and will be corrected.

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

President Hayes declared the motion approved. 5-0

VII. New Business

No new business

VIII. Management Report

- a.) Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented the Staff reports
- Cliff and Glen are still training and currently awaiting their VBMS access.
 - The Community Care Worker job posting is now closed, and interviews will begin next week.
 - There are no eligible candidates yet for the open Legal Counsel position. Mr. Theobald suggested that she also send the job opening to the University of Cincinnati and The Ohio State University Law departments.
 - The Medal of Honor Memorial will be breaking ground in November. The pledge of \$50,000 toward the construction and maintenance will most likely be needed this calendar year.
- b.) Executive Director Frisco also presented the Budget, Outreach, Productivity and Transportation reports.
- Please see the attached reports.
 - Approximately 220 letters went out for the Aldi Gift Cards and Coat Drive. The coat drive will begin 11/15/2024.
 - A request to help a dying veteran fulfill his last wish of going home and sitting on his porch was received. Staff are currently working out the details with the man's family and transportation providers in hopes of being able to fulfill this wish.

IX. Commissioner Reports

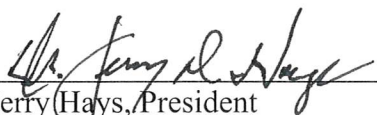
- Commissioner Hays (DAV) – DAV meeting will be held tonight 10/9/24 at 6:00 p.m. The Fall Training Conference is scheduled for 11/22/24 through 11/24/2024.
- Commissioner Theobald (AMVETS) – AMVETS is thriving. The criminal investigation is ongoing and has been extended to the Treasury department.
- Commissioner Fried (VVA) – Temple Beth Or is hosting “Veterans Healing Wounds,” a PTSD awareness event. Mr. Fried will be speaking at this event and requested a slide to be added to his current presentation to include a list of PTSD community resources. He also commends Director Frisco on a job well done with the website and asks that the job postings also be posted on the website as they come available. The VVA will have their next meeting on 10/17/2024. The VA Volunteer Quarterly meeting was held on 9/12/2024 and it was confirmed that the VA is currently open to volunteers, please coordinate any volunteer visits with Tiffany. Mr. Fried encouraged the other commissioners to review the State Association's meeting minutes as they are now available. Commissioner Fried will be on vacation from 10/18/24 through 10/31/2024.
- Commissioner Dare (American Legion) – Mr. Dare thanked Kim for helping him get in touch with the Germantown Veterans Memorial Museum, where he was able to donate trunks that contained military memorabilia that had been his family for a number of

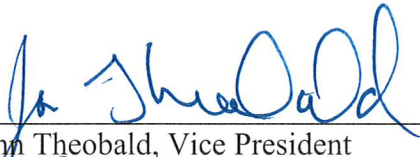
years. The American Legion has met their goal of 570 memberships for the year.

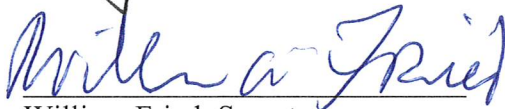
- Commissioner Howley (Kettering VFW) – He will be on vacation beginning 10/15/2024 through 11/3/2024.

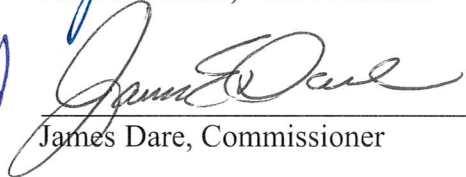
X. Adjournment

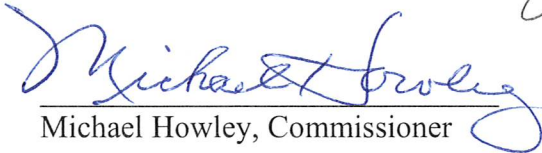
The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.


Jeffrey Hays, President


John Theobald, Vice President


William Fried, Secretary


James Dare, Commissioner


Michael Howley, Commissioner



MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
October 9, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

- I. Call Meeting to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Pledge of Allegiance Followed by a Moment of Silence
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. September 4, 2024
 - b. September 24, 2024
- V. Public Comments
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance Report for the Period of September 1 – 30, 2024
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Management Report
- IX. Commissioners' Reports
- X. Adjournment



**Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
Soldier and Sailors Report
October 2024**

1. Data Statistics

a. Financial Assistance:

i. September 2024

1. Approved: 31/\$33,750.08
2. Shelter: 14/\$14,457.07
3. Utilities: 29/\$9,038.01
4. Disapprovals: 13
 - a. No emergency – 2
 - b. Partial approval – 6
 - c. Incomplete application – 2
 - d. Not eligible for services – 1
 - e. Error (actually approved) – 1
 - f. Helping others first – 1

ii. August 2024

1. Approved: 36/\$42,558.32
2. Shelter: 20/\$26,834.39
3. Utilities: 30/\$5,183.93
4. Disapprovals: 7
 - a. No proof of residency – 1
 - b. Partial approval/Rent paid – 1
 - c. Excessive spending/Funded vacation before mortgage – 1
 - d. Referred to VOA – 1
 - e. Helping others first – 1
 - f. Assistance would not keep Vet housed – 1
 - g. No emergency/no bills due – 1

iii. July 2024

TICKET SALES ARE LIVE JULY 31

★ 7TH ANNUAL FREEDOM WHISKEY ★

VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

IN MEMORY OF CAPT ZACH HOLLINGSWORTH



HONORING
THOSE WHO
SERVED

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 16, 2024
6pm - 11pm

Miamisburg Moose Lodge
2110 E Central Ave, Miamisburg, OH 45342

HONORING THE 2024 VETERAN OF THE YEAR:

DR. CASSIE BARLOW

Colonel, United States Air Force (Retired)

HELP US RAISE FUNDS. BECOME A SPONSOR.

DIAMOND

\$5,000 SPONSORSHIP you receive 10 tickets to the event
+ All perks listed below

PLATINUM

\$2,000 SPONSORSHIP you receive 8 tickets to the event
+ All perks of Gold & Silver Levels

GOLD

\$1,000 SPONSORSHIP you receive 4 tickets to the event
+ All Silver Level perks

SILVER

\$500 SPONSORSHIP you receive 2 tickets to the event
- Personalized tagged freedom bottle
- Recognition on website and on event signage

All checks payable to "The Dayton Foundation" and reference "Fund #EO26"

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Carol Wheeler • (937) 524-7392 | Rebecca Quinones • (937) 701-1431

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- YETI COOLER
- WHISKEY BARREL ART
- GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES
- GIFT BASKETS
- & MANY MORE