



Meeting Minutes of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission May 14, 2025, 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
- Bryan Suddith, Deputy Director
- Stacy Schulte, Clerical Support Specialist

III. Pledge of Allegiance

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a.) Commissioner Fried moved to approve April 9, 2025, minutes without change. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dare.

<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

Fran Morford from Wagmor Service Dogs conducted a service dog demonstration featuring Fletcher, a service dog in training. Wagmor Service Dogs is a nonprofit organization dedicated to training service animals to support veterans and individuals with disabilities.

VI. Old Business

- a.) Consideration of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance for the period of April 1 - 30, 2025. Commissioner Theobald moved to approve, and Commissioner Howley seconded the motion.

Discussion: Commissioner Theobald requested further clarification regarding the criteria used to deny financial assistance to a specific veteran. Director Frisco explained that the Service Officer offered several alternative options to the veteran, who ultimately declined or expressed disagreement with them. Additionally, the case manager made multiple efforts to reach the veteran but did not receive a response. Commissioner Theobald suggested that the staff attorney follow up with the veteran to assess the possibility of providing legal support or guidance regarding his case.

<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		

The motion was approved. 5-0

VII. New Business

a.) Introduction of New Employees:

Ashley Wender was recently hired as the Mentor and Outreach Coordinator at MCVSC. She has over eight years of experience serving in the United States Air Force, where she held positions as a Military Police Officer and a Dog Handler. Currently, she is pursuing her Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

Gary Hruska has recently joined our team as a Staff Attorney. He served in the U.S. Army, where he specialized in Intelligence. Following the successful operation of his own private practice, he is now dedicated to supporting our veteran community here at MCVSC. Currently, he is providing legal assistance with estate planning documents such as wills and powers of attorney, as well as helping clients navigate foreclosure prevention strategies.

b.) 2026 Budget Resolution

Deputy Director Bryan Suddith presented the overview of the 2026 Budget proposal, which is required to be submitted by the end of May 2025.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Theobald recommended that a commissioner attend the upcoming budget hearing, while Commissioner Fried requested that a copy of the most recent annual report be provided to the county.

Commissioner Fried motioned to approve the resolution authorizing approval of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission requested 2026 Budget, Resolution Number 25-051401, and Commissioner Dare seconded the motion.

<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 Hays declared the motion approved. 5-0

c.) Personnel Matter

Commissioner Theobald moved to enter into executive session for purposes outlined in R.C. 121.22 (G)(1), to discuss the employment and/or dismissal of a public employee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dare.

<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		

The motion to enter into executive session was approved. 5-0

Commission entered executive session at 11:08 a.m.

Commission exited executive session at 11:57 a.m.

VIII. Management Report

a.) Executive Director Kimberly Frisco presented the Staff reports.

- Please see the attached reports.
- Our two newest VSO's have attended training and passed their exams and are both doing very well.
- Veteran's Treatment Court Graduation will be held 6/18/2025 at 9:30 a.m. in Judge Melnick's courtroom.
- Ford Oval of Honor, featuring Army Staff Sergeant Aaron Hale will be 6/19/2025 at 6:30 p.m.
- There will be a staff meeting today at 3:30 p.m. and the Commissioners are invited to attend.

b.) Deputy Director Bryan Suddith also presented the Budget, Outreach, Productivity and Transportation reports.

- Please see the attached reports.
- The current budget is at 37% and on track for 2025.
- Kim, Bryan and 5 of the VSO's will be attending NACVSO in Louisville, KY July 13 – 18, 2025.
- Following our review of the attached Productivity Report, Commissioner Theobald requested that we implement a tracking system for veterans who have submitted a service claim Letter of Intent and whose deadlines are approaching expiration. The goal is to ensure timely reminders are provided proactively. The Deputy Director informed the Commission that he is currently developing a postcard reminder system, which will be

mailed to veterans approximately 100 days prior to their LOI expiration date. Commissioner Fried expressed support for the postcard idea and also suggested that management communicate to staff the importance of proactive follow-up reminders. The Deputy Director will present a draft of the postcard design at an upcoming commission meeting. Commissioner Theobald also proposed sending a letter detailing the process for appealing decisions to veterans who have received denials on their service claim.

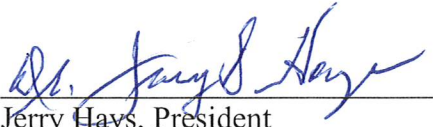
- The RTA is highlighting a new bus dedicated to honoring our community veterans. They have graciously offered us the opportunity to utilize the bus for promotional purposes related to outreach events. Advance scheduling of two to three weeks is required to coordinate these activities.


IX. Commissioner's Reports

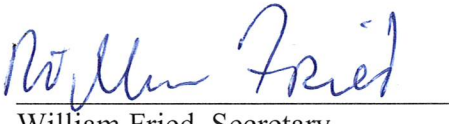
- Commissioner Hays (DAV)
 - No Report
- Commissioner Theobald (AMVETS)
 - Post meeting was last night 5/1/2025
 - Elections will be held next week
 - Awarded 3 \$1,000 scholarships
- Commissioner Fried (VVA)
 - They have awarded \$6,000 in scholarships. Three for college bound students and 3 to Trade school bound students.
 - An event to recognize People in Business is scheduled to take place at the American Legion Post 200 in Huber Heights on May 15, 2025.
 - There are several Memorial Day events taking place
 - He will be conducting a mass flag retirement ceremony.
 - Elections were held on 4/17/2025, Cliff Elliot was elected as President.
- Commissioner Dare (American Legion)
 - Mr. Dare presented the commissioners and staff with a commemorative bracelet and provided information concerning National Poppy Day 2025.
- Commissioner Howley (Kettering VFW)
 - Mr. Howley is scheduled to meet with his post commander next week to review recent activities and updates at MCVSC.

X. Adjournment

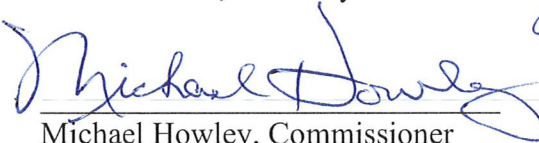
The meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.


Jerry Hays, President


John Theobald, Vice President


William Fried, Secretary


James Dare, Commissioner


Michael Howley, Commissioner



MONTGOMERY COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
May 14, 2025, 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. April 9, 2025
- V. Public Comments
 - a. Information regarding Wagmor Service Dogs for Veterans
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Consider Approval of Soldiers and Sailors Financial Assistance Report for the Period of April 1-30, 2025
- VII. New Business
 - a. Introduction of New Employees
 - b. 2026 Budget Resolution
 - c. Personnel Matter
- VIII. Management Report
- IX. Commissioners' Reports
- X. Adjournment

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**Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
Soldier and Sailors Report
May 2025**

1. Data Statistics

a. Financial Assistance:

i. April 2025

1. Approved: 28/\$36,664.59
2. Shelter: 10/\$11,620.44
3. Utilities: 24/\$11,019.42
4. Disapprovals: 7
 - a. Error in Processing - 1
 - b. Incomplete - 3
 - c. Not Able to Sustain with Assistance - 1
 - d. Partial Approval – 1
 - e. No Emergency – 1

ii. March 2025

1. Approved: 30/\$32,967.14
2. Shelter: 10/\$11,620.44
3. Utilities: 24/\$11,019.42
4. Disapprovals: 6
 - a. Incomplete – 1
 - b. Excessive spending – 2
 - c. Partial Approval – 2
 - d. Utilities Paid by Other Agency – 1

iii. February 2025

1. Approved: 36/\$43,749.26
2. Shelter: 18/\$23,262.65
3. Utilities: 29/\$7,483.36

- 4. Disapprovals: 9
 - a. No emergency – 2
 - b. Excessive spending – 1
 - c. Partial Approval – 3
 - d. Incomplete – 3

b. Approvals YTD: 108/\$130,379.50

- i. Shelter YTD: 45/\$60,087.71
- ii. Utilities YTD: 81/\$30,742.61
- iii. Dental: 0/0
 - 1. YTD: 3/\$1,305
- iv. Emergency Repair (Assistance): 6/\$4,433.65
 - 1. YTD: 12/\$9,261.18
- v. COVID: 0/\$0
 - 1. YTD: 0/\$0
- vi. Indigent Burial: 0/\$0
 - 1. YTD: 6/\$5,993.00
- vii. Kroger Voucher Update: 130/\$6,500 (21 Veterans)
 - 1. YTD: 454/\$22,700 (81 Veterans)



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Productivity and Assistance Report | April 2025

Financial Assistance

Appointments

- 38 total appointments/33 clients (slow month)
- 7 Walk In appts
- 40 clients processed in total

Budget

- 124 Kroger vouchers were issued
- \$46,602.06 for rent, mortgage, utilities, transportation and food in April
- \$38,761.08 for rent, mortgage, utilities, transportation and food in March
- \$46,996.10 for rent, mortgage, utilities, transportation and food in February

Service and Claims

Appointments

- 200 appointments serving 185 Veterans and 12 Walk-In clients were *Secn-*

Claims Stats (Since January 1, 2025)

- Currently 73 Letters of Intent are due to expire before August 2.
- **304 Claims** have been filed, and **104 Appeals** have been filed
- **147 Intents to File** submitted this year

147 Awarded Claims Decisions Reported in 2025 (\$3,996,778)

- 42 claims decisions reported in April (\$652,765)
- 28 claims awarded in March (\$550,143)

54 Denied Claims Reported in 2025

Service Claim Awards Reported Year Over Year (including monthly, retro and lump)

\$8,545,025.01 was awarded/reported in 2024

\$6,100,000.00 was awarded/reported in 2023

\$5,159,091.82 was awarded/reported in 2022

\$2,246,428.51 was awarded/reported in 2021

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Transportation Report | March – April 2025

April 2025

Appointments

Client Appointments*
2025 YTD Total

258
981

March 2025

Costs

RTA/UBER/Valley
Average Cost Per Round trip ride
2025 YTD Total

\$8,095.55
\$33.59
\$20,812.53

March Trip Totals**

• RTA Uber & Private Acct Uber	168
• RTA/Paratransit	194
• Valley Transport	64
• Catholic Social Services	2
• RTA Bus Pass (Medical)	17
• RTA Bus Pass (Grocery/Other)	15

Veterans served in March
New transportation clients

66
5

2024 Review

Total Rides to medical appointments	2,824
Total Veterans Served in 2024	188
2024 Monthly Average	\$6,195.82
2024 YTD total	\$74,349.85

**Appointments are generally round trip.*

***One-way trips*



Outreach Report May & June 2025

Completed Outreach Events:

- Saturday April 26, Miamisburg Historical Veterans Day Event
 - Anna
- Saturday April 26. Honor Flight
 - Paul. Donald, Amie, and Christine
- Wednesday April 30, Senior Expo
 - Stacy and Ashley
- Friday May 2, Fort McKinley Church Community Information Day
 - Tracy and Ashley
- Tuesday May 6, Southeast Branch Library
 - Loren, Ashley, Bill, and Paul
- Saturday May 10, Vandalia Branch Library
 - Bryan, Loren, and Donald
- Monday May 12, West Branch Library
 - Bill, Christine, and Tracy

Upcoming Outreach Events

- May 17, Vietnam Vets Gathering, American Legion Post 200, 5pm
 - 5046 Nebraska Ave Huber Heights, 45424
- May 21, Vets Moving Forward, Wright State Student Union, 3pm – 7pm
 - 3640 Colonel Glenn Highway Fairborn, 45324
- May 24, Library Outreach, Miami Township Branch, 11am
 - 2718 Lyons Rd Miamisburg, 45342
- June 7, Invite a Vet Car Show, Polish Club Picnic Grounds, 12pm – 5pm
 - 3690 Needmore Rd Dayton, 45424
- June 10, Washington Township Rec Center Lunch 11:30 – 1:00
 - 895 Miamisburg Centerville Rd Washington Township, 45459
- June 11, PNC Dayton Military Employee Appreciation Day, 1130am – 1pm
 - 3232 Newmark Dr Miamisburg, 45342
- June 11, Elder Abuser Awareness Event, Jewish Family Services of Greater Dayton, 10am – 2pm
 - 525 Versailles Dr Centerville, 45459

Summary Budget April 30 2025

MainAccountClass	Ledger account	Budget	Expenditures	Encumbrances	Remaining budget	Percent used
500	Statutory Salaries	55,000.00	18,641.25	0.00	36,358.75	33.89
510	Salaries	1,077,903.00	294,669.02	0.00	783,233.98	27.34
520	Fringe Benefits	292,601.00	114,487.13	0.00	178,113.87	39.13
530	Operating Expenses	172,710.00	47,473.55	111,285.00	13,951.45	91.92
540	Travel & Training	42,365.00	20,476.32	21,477.58	411.10	99.03
550	Professional Services	1,007,860.56	312,987.97	49,900.00	644,972.59	36.01
560	Maintenance and Repair Services	13,250.00	10,667.50	0.00	2,582.50	80.51
570	Communications	46,621.00	17,834.24	0.00	28,786.76	38.25
590	Capital/Hardware	3,500.00	0.00	3,176.00	324.00	90.74
	Totals as of 4-30-2025	2,711,810.56	837,236.98	185,838.58	1,688,735.00	37.73%

MainAccount	Ledger account	Revised budget	Actual expenditures	Encumbrances	Remaining budget	Percent used
50010	Salaries Statutory Board Members	\$55,000.00	\$18,641.25	\$0.00	\$36,358.75	33.9
51000	Salaries Regular	\$1,062,429.00	\$253,859.45	\$0.00	\$808,569.55	23.9
51010	Overtime	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	-\$63.00	0.0
51035	Lump Sum Pay	\$0.00	\$816.00	\$0.00	-\$816.00	0.0
51052	Vacation Pay	\$0.00	\$25,755.49	\$0.00	-\$25,755.49	0.0
51054	Sick Leave Pay	\$0.00	\$9,680.30	\$0.00	-\$9,680.30	0.0
51062	Compensatory Time	\$0.00	\$29.08	\$0.00	-\$29.08	0.0
51070	Paid Personal Leave Pay Out	\$15,474.00	\$3,548.23	\$0.00	\$11,925.77	22.9
51075	Termination Pay Out	\$0.00	\$917.47	\$0.00	-\$917.47	0.0
52005	Retirement Regular PERS	\$148,181.00	\$43,620.78	\$0.00	\$104,560.22	29.4
52010	FICA (Medicare)	\$15,348.00	\$4,411.55	\$0.00	\$10,936.45	28.7
52016	Workers' Compensation Interfund	\$5,215.00	\$5,215.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	100.0
52017	Unemployment Compensation	\$0.00	\$4,227.75	\$0.00	-\$4,227.75	0.0
52020	Life Insurance	\$656.00	\$233.60	\$0.00	\$422.40	35.6
52032	Health Insurance	\$115,212.00	\$51,963.00	\$0.00	\$63,249.00	45.1
52040	Dental Plans Other Agencies	\$0.00	\$1,141.00	\$0.00	-\$1,141.00	0.0
52069	Family Medical Leave Act ISF	\$1,989.00	\$786.78	\$0.00	\$1,202.22	39.6
52074	Employee Parking ISF	\$1,500.00	\$756.00	\$0.00	\$744.00	50.4
52076	Employee Meals and Refreshments	\$4,000.00	\$874.76	\$0.00	\$3,125.24	21.9
52080	Employee Recognition Program	\$500.00	\$183.08	\$0.00	\$316.92	36.6
52088	Employee Uniforms	\$0.00	\$1,073.83	\$0.00	-\$1,073.83	0.0
53010	Office Supplies-Veterans Services Commission	\$7,240.00	\$433.51	\$0.00	\$6,806.49	6.0
53015	Supplies ISF-Veterans Services Commission	\$20,000.00	\$4,930.57	\$0.00	\$15,069.43	24.7
53025	Subscriptions and Books	\$4,056.00	\$351.70	\$0.00	\$3,704.30	8.7
53050	Computer Software	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	0.0
53085	Postage	\$0.00	\$103.71	\$0.00	-\$103.71	0.0
53170	Service Depot Charges Fuel ISF	\$500.00	\$84.21	\$0.00	\$415.79	16.8
53245	Other Operating Supplies	\$3,150.00	\$1,521.81	\$0.00	\$1,628.19	48.3
53800	Rental Land & Buildings	\$125,584.00	\$37,095.00	\$111,285.00	-\$22,796.00	118.2
53810	Rental Parking Facilities	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.0
53830	Copy Machine Rentals Printing Services	\$7,000.00	\$2,953.04	\$0.00	\$4,046.96	42.2
53850	Rental Other	\$1,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.00	0.0
53950	Licenses Fees & Permits	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	0.0

54000	Routine Business Mileage	\$1,850.00	\$883.40	\$0.00	\$966.60	47.8
54002	Routine Business Parking	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	0.0
54004	Routine Business Meals	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	0.0
54010	Routine Event Support	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	-\$2,000.00	0.0
54030	Board Approved Registration	\$4,825.00	\$3,600.00	\$850.00	\$375.00	92.2
54032	Board Approved Lodging	\$12,500.00	\$5,375.12	\$11,904.88	-\$4,780.00	138.2
54034	Board Approved Meals	\$6,225.00	\$3,319.20	\$4,168.10	-\$1,262.30	120.3
54036	Board Approved Airline	\$2,300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	0.0
54038	Board Approved Mileage	\$2,040.00	\$1,861.60	\$1,923.60	-\$1,745.20	185.6
54040	Board Approved Other Travel	\$3,425.00	\$0.00	\$2,631.00	\$794.00	76.8
54070	Training Registration	\$3,400.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,700.00	50.0
54076	Professional Dues & Memberships	\$2,950.00	\$1,737.00	\$0.00	\$1,213.00	58.9
54078	Training Mileage	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0
54082	Training and Education Materials	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	0.0
55006	Printing Services ISF	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.0
55018	Consultant Services	\$10,000.00	\$1,193.75	\$0.00	\$8,806.25	11.9
55028	Other Medical Services	\$4,350.00	\$3,526.00	\$0.00	\$824.00	81.1
55048	External Printing Services	\$7,000.00	\$1,081.73	\$0.00	\$5,918.27	15.5
55062	Landscape Services	\$0.00	\$3,750.00	\$0.00	-\$3,750.00	0.0
55080	Advertising	\$356,145.56	\$125,603.15	\$0.00	\$230,542.41	35.3
55082	Advertising Employment	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	-\$100.00	0.0
55094	Other Services	\$55.00	\$770.00	\$49,900.00	-\$50,615.00	92127.3
55754	Client Transportation	\$100,000.00	\$32,321.10	\$0.00	\$67,678.90	32.3
55776	Client Training/Educational Materials	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	0.0
55810	Soldiers Relief Allow Misc Voucher Only	\$148,500.00	\$9,261.18	\$0.00	\$139,238.82	6.2
55820	Emergency Assistance Service Providers	\$134,800.00	\$71,906.27	\$0.00	\$62,893.73	53.3
55830	Emergency Assistance Rent	\$241,510.00	\$60,962.71	\$0.00	\$180,547.29	25.2
55895	Other Services for Clients	\$3,000.00	\$2,512.08	\$0.00	\$487.92	83.7
56012	Facility Other Maintenance & Repair	\$2,000.00	\$117.50	\$0.00	\$1,882.50	5.9
56040	Equipment Maintenance & Repair	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	0.0
56061	Computer Software	\$10,500.00	\$10,100.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	96.2
56095		\$0.00	\$450.00	\$0.00	-\$450.00	0.0
57010	Communications	\$9,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,600.00	0.0
57030	Cell Phone Charges	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.0
57050	Internet Access Charges External	\$0.00	\$234.02	\$0.00	-\$234.02	0.0
57070	County Mailroom ISF	\$19,321.00	\$11,370.27	\$0.00	\$7,950.73	58.9
57080	County Telecommunications ISF	\$15,000.00	\$4,749.26	\$0.00	\$10,250.74	31.7
57090	Internet Access Charges ISF	\$2,200.00	\$1,480.69	\$0.00	\$719.31	67.3
59005	Data Processing Equipment	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,176.00	\$324.00	90.7
April 30, 2025		\$2,711,810.56	\$837,236.98	\$185,838.58	\$1,688,735.00	37.7

Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission
Resolution No. 25-051401
May 14, 2025

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION REQUESTED 2026 BUDGET.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §5901.03, the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission has met and determined approval of the requested 2026 budget of the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission in the amount of \$2,930,798.15

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission that the 2026 budget in the amount of \$2,930,798.15 is hereby approved and will be submitted to the Montgomery County Board of County Commissioners.

Commissioner William Fried moved for the adoption of the foregoing resolution. It was seconded by Commissioner James Dare and upon call of the roll, the following vote resulted:

Commissioner Dare, Yea; Commissioner Fried, Yea; Commissioner Hays, Yea; Commissioner Howley, Yea. Commissioner Theobald, Yea. All in favor, Carried.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission on the 14th day of May, 2025.

William Fried, Secretary
Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission

The Montgomery County Veterans Service Commissioners hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in open meeting of this Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission, and that all deliberations of this Montgomery County Veterans Service Commission, and of its committees, if any which resulted in formal action, were taken in meeting open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

2026 Proposed Budget Veterans Service Commission

500	Statutory Salaries	55,000.00
510	Salaries	1,131,798.15
520	Fringe Benefits (OPERS & Insurance)	300,000.00
530	Operating Expenses	190,000.00
540	Travel & Training	55,000.00
550	Professional Services (Soldiers & Sailors Relief and Marketing)	1,000,000.00
560	Maintenance and Repair Services	14,000.00
570	Communications	50,000.00
590	Capital Outlays	135,000.00
	*Total	2,930,798.15

***Notes:**

- The 2026 request represents an 8.2% increase over the 2025 Adjusted Budget and is within limits of a 10% increase (\$2,982,991.60) and under the reported .25 millage that equals \$3,600,702.43 for 2026
- This adds 5% to salary to meet AFSCME Contract Requirements and additional 2 new PTEs
- This includes \$135,000 in Capital for wheelchair accessible van

	Account	2025 Revised Budget	2026 Proposed Budget
500	Statutory Salaries	55,000.00	55,000.00
510	Salaries	1,077,903.00	1,131,798.15
520	Fringe Benefits	292,601.00	300,000.00
530	Operating Expenses	172,710.00	190,000.00
540	Travel & Training	42,365.00	55,000.00
550	Professional Services	1,007,860.56	1,000,000.00
560	Maintenance and Repair Services	13,250.00	14,000.00
570	Communications	46,621.00	50,000.00
590	Capital Outlays	3,500.00	135,000.00
		2,711,810.56	2,930,798.15



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Thank You for taking the time to read this letter.

It's only by your compassion and generosity that I can follow my dream.

" Helping People with a Helping Paw"

501c (3) non- profit organization in the State of Ohio

We are an area local nonprofit organization, training Service Dogs to help Veterans and handicap individuals regain their independence with a trained Service Dog.

I have 16 years experience training Service Dogs for the disabled. I've trained over 75 dogs. All donations go directly to the care and training of our dogs.

I started my passion in Aug, 2008. I Trained a Service Dog for a friend with CP. As things started growing I realized I couldn't fund this myself. I needed help.

February 11, 2011: I started a 501c(3) nonprofit. I now need funds to continue my mission.

To keep helping the disabled, we need your help. It takes up to \$10,000.00 and 18 months to two years for a dog to master the skills needed to aid a disabled individual. Then the magic happens with a well trained team that is an amazing thing to witness.

We need your help and generosity to make this happen.

Monetary Donations - Gift cards of any size- Monetary gifts to help buy raffle items – Sponsor a Service Dog – Purchase Puppy

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated. Thank You!

Please help us give a helping paw to someone in need.

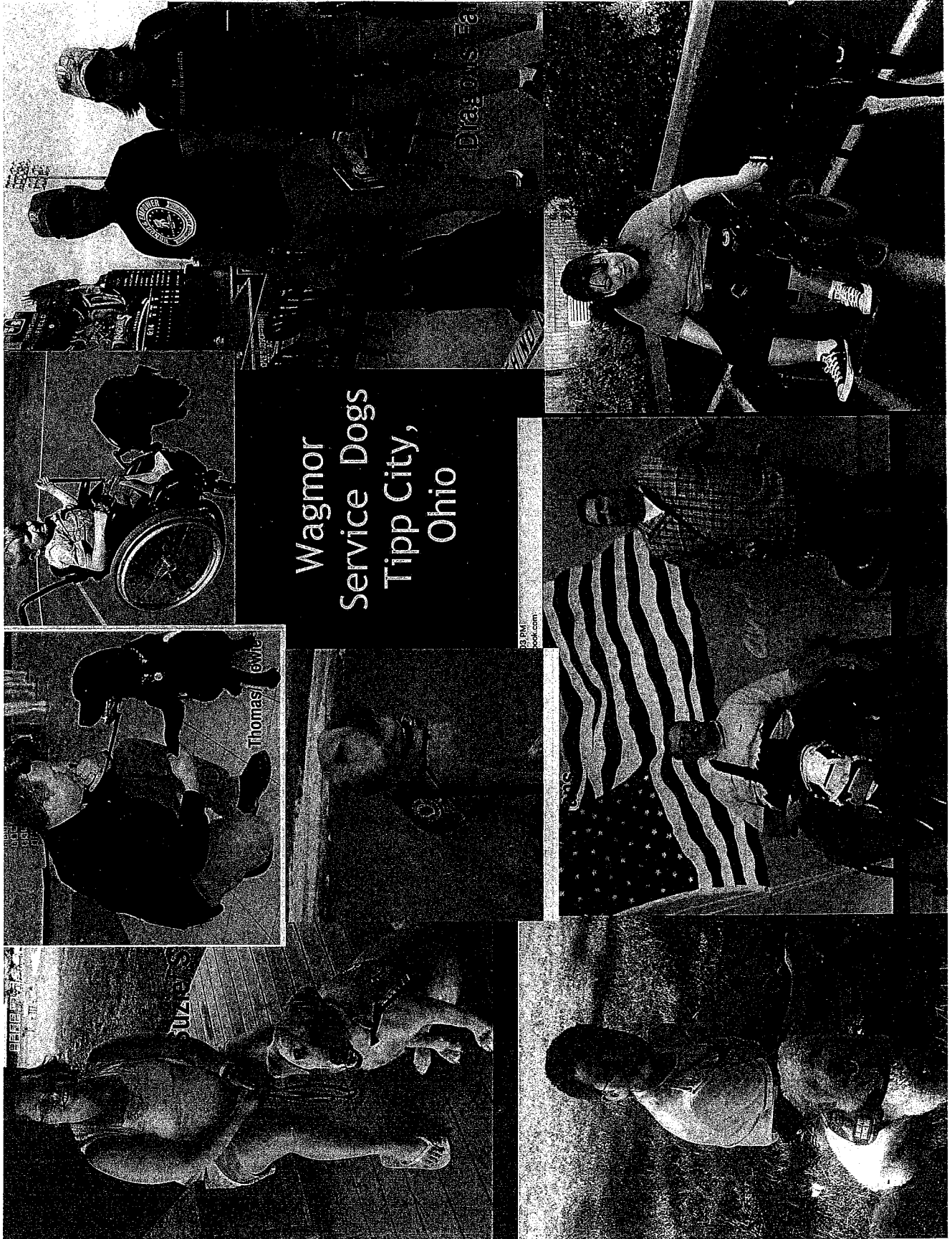
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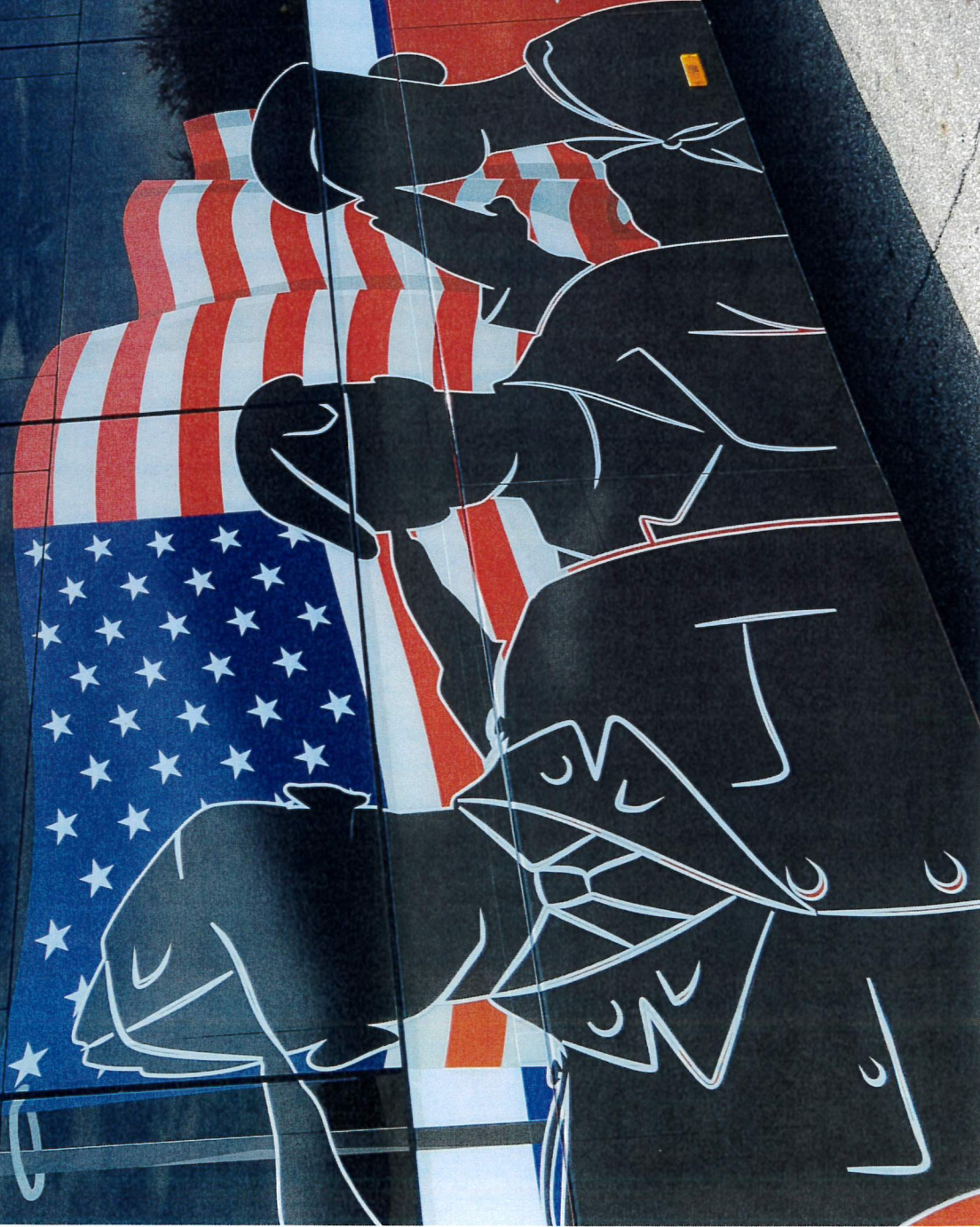


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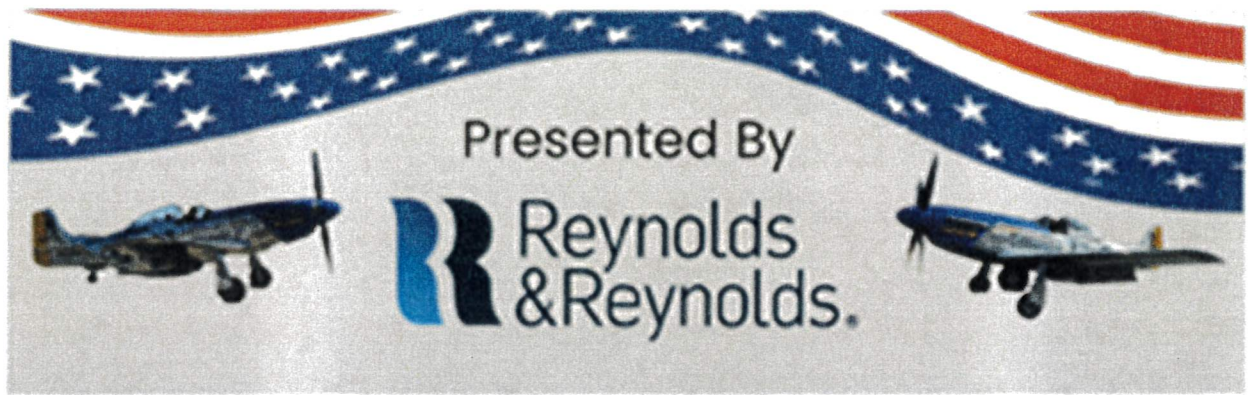
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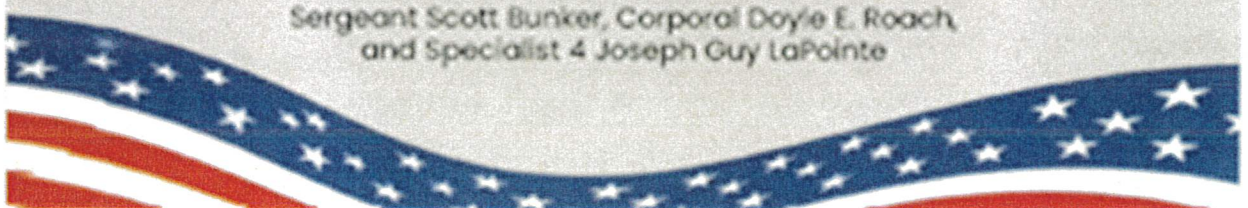
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Sergeant Scott Bunker, Corporal Doyle E. Roach,
and Specialist 4 Joseph Guy LaPointe



Aaron Hale's Story

Army Staff Sergeant Aaron Hale was severely injured in Afghanistan when an improvised explosive device (IED) detonated in his presence. Hale, of the 760th EOD (explosive ordinance disposal), served a tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan. EOD technicians are the Army's tactical and technical explosives experts, who are trained to destroy and disable unexploded ordnance, improvised explosive devices and weapons of mass destruction. SSG Hale's unit completed 1,100 counter-IED missions, destroying more than 20,000 pounds of enemy explosives. SSG Hale estimates he disabled as many as 50 explosive devices during his last tour in Afghanistan.

On December 8, 2011, SSG Hale approached an IED, which he had worked on from a distance using a robotic device. He was about 30 feet away when it exploded, sending shrapnel everywhere. Every bone in Hale's face was broken, and he had severe burns to his face and upper thighs. His right eye was ripped completely out in the blast, his right eye lids were fused together from the severity of the burns, his left eye exploded leaving half in the socket, and his left eye lids were torn. Exploratory eye surgery to remove shrapnel and assess the extent of his injuries concluded that he is completely blind. SSG Hale's skull was cracked and leaking spinal fluid, his carotid artery was nearly severed with shrapnel piercing it, both eardrums were completely blown out, his sinuses were crushed, and his nostrils were torn.

Despite suffering severe injuries and being left sightless, SSG Hale, who landed on his hands and knees after being sent airborne, felt to see if all his limbs were intact, and then got up and tried to find his way back to his unit. A medevac unit arrived 10 minutes later, and SSG Hale passed out.

Hale was quickly transported to Bagram Air Force Base for treatment, then on to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, before finally arriving at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. After a month of treatment at Walter Reed, he was transported to the James A. Haley Veterans Hospital in Tampa, Florida, and then to the Charlie Norwood VA Medical Center in Augusta, Georgia which specializes in blind rehabilitation. SSG Hale's recovery has been remarkable. The