

**THE MILITARY / VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA**  
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**Minutes of the January 5, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119**

**21 Members Present**

Chairman Ron Martin opened the meeting at 0930 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes for December 1, 2017 meeting were approved.

Meetings and Legislative activities:

1. Met with Indy Chamber of Commerce seeking their endorsement and support on our legislative agenda. They are supportive and thought there would be more opportunity in 2019 Budget year.
2. Met with Sam Hyer and Director of BMV on 12 December to finalize agenda item 8 disabled placard and gathering information and placing on database. Excellent meeting and only issue was concern of federal restriction on sharing data with other agencies. Sam was to confer with BMV lawyers on how to proceed. They are very supporting of every part of our plan.
3. Met with Lottery Executives, Representative Judy, and representatives from Governor's staff on 15 December to discuss Agenda item #2 Lottery. Representatives from BIG 4 were also in attendance. Findings and discussion led all to change course away from lottery ticket and to move toward getting a cut of lottery proceeds similar to Teachers Retirement and Police/Fire retirement. Provided new language to Representative Judy to seek summer study to evaluate this option. During discussion we identified need to fully fund CVSOs and to implement our 2015 summer study presentation. Jim prepared some draft outlines and sent to Rep Judy and BIG 4. It is noteworthy that 7 other states fund veterans programs from lottery ticket proceeds. Some started with ticket and moved to a cut of the proceeds as ticket diminished in proceeds over time even though overall lottery proceeds continue to increase.
4. Sent emails and followed up with calls to several organizations seeking their support to our prosperity presentation. Indiana Chamber continued support, others still processing within their associations, companies, or leadership. Will be following up after session starts.
5. Met via phone with Rep. Macer on Agenda item #5 21<sup>st</sup> Century Veterans Support. She indicated she does NOT think Rep Frye will hear the bill this year. She also wanted to know about military retired pay legislation. Told her we have Senator Smith and Representative Lindauer authoring agenda item #2 Military Income Tax Exemption.

**Upcoming Events: (See website for Flyers and additional details)**

Next Meeting date: February 2, 2018