

THE MILITARY / VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA
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Minutes of the June 8, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

29 Members Present

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

Minutes for May 4, 2018 meeting were approved with correction noted below.

Gary Mattox, Regional Director Student Management – Indianapolis, representing Purdue Global University spoke on the opportunities for Veterans on their new site. Purdue Global, once known as Kaplan University, is a military friendly on-line format university.

Meetings and Legislative activities:

The legislative goals for the 2019 were again discussed in detail. After considerable previous discussions concerning the Higher Education Assistance initiative, it was agreed to remove the language on CLEP testing and requirements for the use of all other sources of funding. A request to add the Video Gaming Terminal within Veteran facilities to our list of initiatives was discussed. The Chair explained why that action was not in the interest of all veterans in accordance with the objectives of the Coalition. A vote affirmed that this would not be added to our list. The Coalition initiatives, as amended, will now go to printing of our 2019 Legislative Flyer.

Highlights:

- With Dep Dir DNR re: administrative fixes for disabled vet hunting.
- With Justice David re: Vet arrest file to be managed by Court Justice System ILO IDVA. Judge Certo felt betrayed by IDVA last year by killing Bill with large money request.
- With Hosp Assoc re: HBOT initiative moving forward and funding.
- With Health Dept re: assistance on preparing HBOT proposal .
- With Rep Zent re: his support in HBOT initiatives.
- Mental Health Assoc re: opiate addiction treatment with HBOT.
- VTC with Rep Carson Vet Affairs Dir re: how they can help; Farm Bill, SNAP, Def of Veteran.
- With Gov Holcomb re: signing Bill for DAV parking placard. Pointed out other parts of Bill that were missing and our discussion with DMV. He wants status moving forward.
- HVAF 25th Aniv celebration discussed unused Homeless Funds in budget.
- Lisa with Rep Brown re: continued funding for HBOT and Homeless initiatives and Remission of Fees. Seemed receptive.

Due to questions on voting criteria, election of Coalition officers was delayed until the July meeting and a copy of the By-Laws will be included with the Agenda.

Upcoming Events: (See website for Flyers and details)

Next Meeting date: July 6th.