

**THE MILITARY / VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA**  
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Minutes of the September 7, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

23 Members Present

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

Minutes for August 3, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Charlie Russel presented a quick primer on the use of Social Media and suggested that all get involved. Millennials read with their hands and are devote followers of electronic media. His agency, ESGR, has experienced heavy usage by followers of his webpage/social media platform.

**Meetings and Legislative activities:**

Two Veteran Townhalls; Fort Wayne – Rep Judy, Crawfordsville – Rep Brown, Rep Klinker, and X

Aug 21 – Summer Study on Military/Spouse licenses. Rep Gutwein spoke on his Bill to give tax credit to Employers with activated/deploying Guard and Reservists. Well received. Goal 13

Aug 28 – w/ IDVA Dir Brown, etal, re our entire agenda. He was supportive. They have new Legislative Director, Mike Aichele. Also w/ Rep Negele re property tax initiatives.

Aug 29 – w/ Rep Porter, Ways & Means, Ranking Minority Member. Very supportive of our Agenda

Aug 30 – w/ Sen Spartz re Remission of Fees for children of disabled vets. Non-committal.

Aug 31- w/ Comm Lubbers, IN Dept of Higher Education re Sen Spartz visit. Supports

Jim has also meet w/ Sen Lanane, Minority Floor Leader and Rep Goodin, Dem Leader in House re our Agenda. Both pledged their support of our initiatives.

Jim reported that recent data shows IN tied with 2 other States for the 43<sup>rd</sup> ranking for number of military retirees in the States; 4.9% of IN Vets are retirees.

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

Next Meeting date: October 5