

THE MILITARY / VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA
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Minutes of the February 1, 2019 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

14 Members were present. (Inclement weather this morning)

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

Minutes for January 4 meeting were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report: Coalition Account is at \$1238.77

Feb. 11, 2019 is Veterans Day at the State House. Buses start running around 0730 till 11 and then again around 1400. The Coalition will have a Info Table.

The Coalition team has testified 13 times since session began.

Testified on behalf of a few Bills that The Coalition didn't propose but supported such as the Pay Day Loans and a Civics test for high school graduation.

Met with Rep. Barrett on the HBOT and has his support. Have also met with Senators Walker, Bassler, Alting and Reps Fleming and DeVon seeking support for our agenda items.

Jim discussed the Bills that are the Priorities for the Coalition and what to expect. Which ones are already not planned for a Committee hearing and those still active in Committee. Spoke about the Vehicle Bill-Placard holder for Disabled plates.

Marijuana bills are pretty much dead.

A Retirement Pay tax exemption Bill is moving forward but not one that is too favorable in its present form; phase-in over 4 years. We will try to improve the Bill during the 2nd session.

The status of Bills will be posted to our Web site.

Next meeting will be February 1.