

THE MILITARY / VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA
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Minutes of the July 6, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

25 Members Present

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

Minutes for June 8, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

The 2017 GDX data was recently released by the VA and handouts were provided showing the standing for Indiana compared to all other states as well as the ranking for all Indiana counties. Also provided was Jim's analysis of the data compared to the 2016 numbers. Indiana continues to rank 16th in Veteran population with 409,836 Veterans; a drop of 8,743 vets from 2016. However, the total expenses paid to Indiana Veterans is \$2,898,952,000; an increase of \$86.4 million in one year. The data and the analysis will be added to our webpage.

Meetings and Legislative activities:

Highlights:

- With Senator Merritt re: HBOT initiatives , both pending treatments of vets with PTS and TBI issues as well as new plan to rehab those with opiate addiction. He is very committed to make this happen.
- With Hosp Assoc again re: both HBOT initiatives .
- With Governor's people – Joe Elsnor, Chris Crayton, and Jason Dudich, State Budget Director re: all Coalition goals for 2019 session. They were very impressed with presentation and recognized the ROI (return on investment) of our initiatives.

Election of Officers for the 2018 -2020 term was held with the following results:

President – Ron Martin,
Vice-President- Jim Bauerle
Secretary- Russell Pryor
Treasure- Milan Tesanovich

Upcoming Events: (See website for Flyers and details)

July 17 – Veteran Town Hall, AMVETS Post 99, 7 to 9 PM
July 18 – Sen Donnelly, History Project, Kokomo
July18 – Marine - 4 - Life event
Aug 1 – Rep Carson, Job Fair, Ivy Tech

Next Meeting date: August 3rd.