

THE MILITARY / VETERANS COALITION of INDIANA
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Minutes of the February 2, 2018 meeting held at Fort Harrison VFW Post #7119

26 Members Present

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

Minutes for January 5, 2018 meeting were approved.

Meetings and Legislative activities:

The first session of the Indiana General Assembly has ended. A total of 26 Veteran related Bills were introduced in the Senate and 24 in the House. Most of the Bills were identified by Legislative Services as having some fiscal impact on the State Budget so were not heard in Committee this session. Other Bills were recommended for assignment to a Summer Study so did not receive a vote in Committee. Final count for Bills making it through Committee and passage on the floor in the first session is 4 Senate Bills and 8 House Bills as noted below:

Senate Bill 52 – Low THC hemp extract

Senate Bill 96 – Veterans Recovery Pilot Program (HBOT)

Senate Bill 134 - Licensing veterans organizations in charity gaming

Senate Bill 262 - Veterans matters. (Placard for disabled veteran)

House Bill 1047 – Education benefits for veterans

House Bill 1055 – Military uniforms at high school graduations

House Bill 1137 - Industrial hemp

House Bill 1214 – CBD Oil and Industrial hemp

House Bill 1242 - Resident tuition for serving on the USS Indiana

House Bill 1276 - Veterans recovery pilot program

House Bill 1319 – Small Loans and Unsecured Consumer Installation Loans (working to defeat)

House Bill 1402 – Veterans matters. (Vet Courts / Housing)

Jim presented the Coalition's strategy going forward of each of these Bills. He also discussed plans to add the language from many of our initiatives that were not heard in Committee into Bills that will be heard during the second session.

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

March 23 – Women's Veteran Conference – Indiana War Memorial

March 27 – Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event – Carmel American Legion

March 29 - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event and Resource Fair – Plainfield High School

Next Meeting date: March 2, 2018