



Meeting Minutes, December 22, 2025

The Veteran's Assistance Commission of Washington County (VACWC) was held on December 22, 2025, at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL beginning at 7:10PM.

Members Present:

Larry Harrison, Chairman, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 110  
Vanessa McCollum, Secretary/Treasurer, Delegate, AL Post 110  
Steve Elliott, Delegate, VFW Post 5596  
Kevin Pierce, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 233  
Ken Storck, Alternate Delegate, VFW Post 5596  
Matthew Kasten, VACWC Superintendent

Members Absent:

Lance Carr, Vice Chairman, Delegate, AL Post 233

Others Present:

Doug Stewart, General Counsel

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:10PM.

Public Comment: None

The Chairman opened the meeting with a request to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer/reflection.

The Superintendent provided his report to include current assistance provided, upcoming training, status of VA access, and technology updates/equipment needed, and the community outreach performed.

The Commission members discussed the 2026 budget received from Washington County.

Resolution 12-01-2025 – Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Meeting Schedule. The commission members discussed the proposed FY2026 meeting schedule. A motion was made, seconded, and approved 3 votes to 0 to approve the schedule as proposed.

The Superintendent provided details on the 2026 Training Events schedule required for his continued certification. Also discussed were travel and motel costs and establishing per diem expense. No action was taken on establishing per diem expense.

Resolution 12-2-2025 Authorization for Superintendent to attend training in East Peoria, IL in January 2026. A motion was made, seconded, and approved 3 votes to 0 to authorize the Superintendent to attend the training.

Closing remarks: The next meeting will be held on January 28, 2026, at 7PM at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 8:18PM.

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Vanessa McCollum

VACWC Secretary / Treasurer