

WEXFORD COUNTY
VETERANS SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM

SEPTEMBER 02, 2026, MEETING

CHAIRMAN – GARY TAYLOR

DIRECTOR – CARRIE PEREZ

VSO – KENT MYERS

NOTICE OF THE MEETING: Wexford County Veterans Service Committee will hold a regular meeting on SEPTEMBER 02, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m. (1300 hrs.) in the MSU Conference Room on 401 Lake Street, Cadillac, Michigan 49601.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

- (A) **CALL TO ORDER** – Meeting call to order September 02, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. (1300 hrs.) by Gary Taylor.
 - (B) **ROLL CALL**- Gary Taylor present, Jack Baughan present, Joe Porterfield present, Rhonda Workman present, Greg Schmidt present, Kent Myers present, Carrie Perez present.
 - (C) **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- Everyone stood for the pledge.
 - (D) **ADDITIONS/DELETIONS OF THE AGENDA:** None.
 - (E) **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**- Motion made by Greg Schmidt, 2nd by Rhonda Workman, all in favor aye. Motion passes unanimously.
 - (F) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** Motion made by Greg Schmidt, 2nd by Joe Porterfield approve the July 8th, 2026, minutes., all in favor aye. Motion passed unanimously.
 - (G) **PRESENTATION AND REPORTS: NONE!**
 - (H) **PUBLIC COMMENTS**- One person here to observe!
The Board welcomes all public input and appreciates adherence to the time limits established. Each period shall be limited to 3 minutes in total. Each person shall be limited to one three-minute comment per period. A group of representatives shall be limited to one five-minute comment per period.
 - (I) **AGENDA ITEMS:**
 - (1) Financial / Director's HR Report: Given by Carrie Perez.
75 office visits in August and 181 other contacts (phone & email)
- Expenditures:**
- (a) Office Suppliers - \$0.00.
 - (b) Contracted Services - \$82,584.85
 - (c) Travel & Conferences - \$2,004.40

- (d) Vehicle Main & Operations - \$1,158.22
- (e) Memorial Wall/Expense - (\$5,674.88)
- (f) Expo/Expense - (\$17,523.40)

Veterans:

- (a) Office Supplies - (\$328.36)
- (b) Contacted Services - (\$696.95)
- (c) Mics back to the state - (24,836.33)
- (d) Travel & Conferences - \$5,388.00
- (e) Veterans Grant Expenses - (\$400.00)
- (f) Veterans Expo - (\$150.00)

(2) Operation Discussion:

- (A) 35 claims
- (B) VA Health Care Applications processed
- (C) Facebook surpassed 100 followers
- (D) Memorial Wall update
- (E) Upcoming Events/Outreach: Motion made by Greg Schmidt, 2nd by Rhonda Workman to have Lise Myeyers contract for another 2 months, to help with Memorial Wall and other items – motion passed.
- (F) Manton Military Museum Breakfast Sep. 3rd, 2026
- (G) MVAA Director Terry Sabo will be present for Q&A
 - * Veterans/Families in office visits – 68
 - * Other communications for (email, call) - 145
 - * Veterans or families who applied for emergency assistance – 0
 - * Veterans who received emergency assistance – 1 MVTF in process
 - * Veterans' ineligible/denied for emergency assistance – 0
 - * County Burial benefits and letters have been initiated – 2
 - * Champa VA, VAHC applications: 4 and 6 respectively

(A) August was busy with the Expo, bringing in several new veterans, calls, and claims. We learned about many resources and information to share with veterans including financial planning, dental health care resources and FMEA was able to help over a dozen visitors at the Expo with their flood damages cases.

(B) The Wexford County Salute to Service on August 17th with the Northern District Fair was a success and Dennis Harden said it was the biggest turnout yet.

(C) I (Carrie) stopped into the Manton Military and Veterans Museum for their breakfast on the 1st Thursday of the month. They had over 40 veterans before 9am (0900 hrs.).

- (D) I went to introduce myself at the Cadillac VA Health Care clinic that allowed me to share information with them and gain some contracts.
- (E) Attended a SNAG meeting, volunteer work at the Veterans Serving Veterans Park set up for the 5K and attended 22 2 None Board meeting, sharing info on our services, learning about regional needs.
- (F) The Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency Director stopped in the week after the Expo and will also be at the Manton Military Museum for breakfast, which I will also attend.
- (G) The Veterans Memorial Wall is coming along and will be showcased this Thursday morning if anyone can attend with Kent.
- (H) The Grant Request for FY 2027 came back with a number for our cap on request based on Wexford County's GDX.
- (I) The new VSO position announcement went out August 31st, and we received one application as of September 1st.
- (3) Grant Request for 2027 submitted, awaiting decision.
- (4) Announcement for the new part-time VSO will be out and last for 15 days.
- (5) Closed Session: None.
- (6) MVTF/County financial applications:
 - Applications: 1 pending to present.
- (I) (J) **OLD BUSINESS:** Expo went great!
- (J) (K) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.
- (K) (L) **COMMITTEE COMMENTS:** None.
- (L) (M) **CHAIR COMMENTS:** None.
- (M) (N) **NEXT MEETING:** October 14th, 20206 @ 3:00 P.M.
- (N) (O) **ADJOURN:** Motion made by Joe Porterfield, 2nd by Greg Schmidt to adjourn – motion passed unanimously.
- (O) (P) **There being no further business to come before the WCVS Commissioner. The meeting was duly closed at 1:35 p.m. (1335 hrs.). Next schedule meeting is July 8th, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. (1500 hrs.).**