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**March 6, 2025  
MINUTES SUMMARY  
10:00 AM**

**Roll Call**

**TAL** – John Fritz, Woody Hogan, Troy Michaels, Robert Black

**AMVETS** – Paul Forsman, Gerald Hawk

**BVA** – Wanda Grover, Rommel Dacanay

**CWV** – Michael Rang, Sister Mary Matthias

**DAV** – Robert Hammaker, William Hines

**KPVA** – Chris Fidler, Constance Snavely, Joseph Dunn

**MCL** – Diana Henry

**MOAA** – Nick Taylor, Keith Beebe, Robert Gray

**MOPH** – Phil Arnold

**PCDVA** –

**VFW** – Jessica King, David Gyger

**VVA** – Larry Googins, Richard Hudzinski

**The following were excused** – Dean Noechel, Kim Carson, Bernie MacDonald, Sam Huhn, David Gui, Sarah Cook, Victoria McCoy, James Diamond, Peter Verbos, Nate Thompson, Bob Ardner, Barbara Loncar, John Getz, William Roland

## **Outline**

### **Roll Call and Meeting Approval**

- John Fritz calls the meeting to order and requests the roll call.
- Woody Hogan conducts the roll call, listing the attendees from various veteran organizations.
- John Fritz calls for a motion to approve the minutes, which is seconded and approved.
- A correction is noted under committee reports and appointments, which is acknowledged.

### **Finance Report and General Updates**

- John Fritz proposes tabling the finance report until John Getz can provide proper documentation.
- Keith Graham provides updates on home surveys, clinical updates, and staffing issues.
- Keith Graham reports on the five-star ratings for Delaware Valley and South Eastern Veteran Centers.
- Keith Graham discusses the VA grant for nurse bonuses and the highest wait time for the Philadelphia home.

### **Programs and Services Updates**

- Keith Graham provides updates on programs and services, including the RE text program and VSO grants.
- Keith Graham discusses the PACT Act and its impact on veteran support and the plus act.
- Keith Graham emphasizes the importance of cross-accreditation with organizations to provide better support.
- Keith Graham opens the floor for questions, and Robert Hammaker expresses interest in cross-accreditation.

### **Legislative and Policy Discussions**

- Rep. Jared Solomon discusses his role in Veterans Affairs and emergency preparedness.
- Rep. Jared Solomon outlines his three main goals: bringing in talent, retaining talent, and providing services to veterans.
- Rep. Jared Solomon emphasizes the need for better benefits for veterans and the importance of tax exemptions.
- Rep. Jared Solomon highlights the need for better quality of life on military posts and the importance of legislative support.

## **Veteran Transportation and Claim Shark Legislation**

- Robert Gray discusses the Veterans Transportation Network and the need for better funding and coordination.
- Robert Gray outlines the challenges with the current transportation program and the need for a coordinator.
- Robert Gray discusses the claim shark legislation and the need for consumer protection laws to enforce it.
- Robert Gray mentions the Attorney General's office and the current brochure on pension poaching.

## **Reinstatement of Jewish War Veterans**

- Woody Hogan reads the reinstatement criteria from the bylaws.
- Bruce Kanis, the state commander of the Jewish War Veterans, makes a plea for reinstatement.
- Bruce Kanis outlines the history and mission of the Jewish War Veterans and their commitment to supporting veterans.
- The motion to table the reinstatement of the Jewish War Veterans is discussed, and they are given time to comply with the bylaws.

## **Committee Reports and Appointments**

- Troy Michaels provides updates on appointments and vacancies for various veterans homes.
- Troy Michaels mentions the need for reappointments and new appointments for several organizations.
- The need for appointments for the Military Officers Association of America and the Blinded Veterans Association is highlighted.
- The importance of filling vacancies in a timely manner is emphasized.

## **Unfinished Business and New Business**

- No unfinished business is brought up for discussion.
- No new business is presented for consideration.
- The meeting concludes with a motion to adjourn, which is seconded and approved.