



LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE AGENDA

March 19, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Veteran Services Office
1420 Lawson Drive, Howell, MI 48843

Pages

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Minutes and Agenda
5. Call to the Public
6. Applications for Relief
7. Business

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7.1 Memorial Day 2025 Flags

Review of quotes for annual Memorial Day flag purchase. With inventory on hand and current need, LCVS requests to purchase 3,888 flags for Memorial Day distribution across Livingston County.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve purchase with Collins Flags in the amount of \$6,083.10 with a 10% contingency.

7.2 Memorial Flag Boxes

Review quotes for flag boxes. LCVS requests the purchase of 146 flag boxes for distribution to veteran families qualified for Livingston County burial benefits, for the timeframe of 1 Oct. 2024 to 30 Sept. 2025. Once authorized, the CVSF FY25 Amendment 1 will provide reimbursement for \$6,542.51 of this purchase.

Recommended motion: Motion to approve purchase of 146 flag boxes from Medals of America in the amount of \$6,542.70 with a 10% contingency.

8. Director Reports

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In February, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) approved thirteen (13) applications and provided a grand total of \$12,033.58 in relief funds. Ten (10) VAP applications provided burial benefits for a total \$9,795. One (1) VAP application provided rental assistance for \$1,500 and two (2) VAP applications provided food vouchers for a total of \$738.58. In total this year, LCVS has approved twenty-two (22) VAP applications and provided \$20,361.54 in relief

funds.

Also, LCVS Transportation provided 171 rides to medical appointments which is a total fare value of \$1,639. In total this year, LCVS Transportation provided 354 rides to County veterans which is a fare value of \$3,237.

9. **Committee Discussion**
10. **Adjournment**

UNAPPROVED MINUTES



LIVINGSTON COUNTY VETERAN COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Veteran Services Office
1420 Lawson Drive, Howell, MI 48843

Members Present	Bruce Hundley, Joe Riker, Robert Stants, James Wallace
Members Absent	Kevin Nagle
Staff Present	Ramon Baca, Elizabeth Young

1. Call Meeting to Order

Committee Chair J. Riker called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

3. Roll Call

Roll call by the recording secretary indicated the presence of a quorum.

4. Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Motion to approve minutes and agenda.

Moved by J. Wallace
Seconded by R. Stants

Motion Carried (4-0)

5. Call to the Public

None.

6. Applications for Relief

None.

7. Business

7.1 VAP Income Limit Increase

VAP income limits in use are from 2023 and do not mirror current COLA increases provided by the VA. LCVS proposes to increase 2023 rates by six percent (6%) rounded up to the next full dollar (3% for 2024 and 3% for 2025).

Motion to approve proposed VAP income limit increase.

Moved by J. Wallace
Seconded by B. Hundley

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

Motion Carried (4-0)

8. Director Reports

Ramon Baca, Director, reported on LCVS office activity, transportation and financials.

In January, LCVS Veteran Assistance Programs (VAP) approved nine (9) applications to provide a grand total of \$8,327.96 in relief funds. Five (5) VAP applications provided burial benefits for a total \$5,000. Two (2) VAP applications provided rent assistance (\$1,500) and emergent shelter assistance (\$900) for a total of \$2,400. One (1) VAP application provided utility assistance (\$745.15) and one (1) VAP application provided a food voucher (\$182.81).

LCVS Transportation provided 183 rides to medical appointments which is a total fare value of \$1,598.00.

LCVS was notified the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) County Veteran Service Fund (CVSF) FY25 grant was reduced from \$140,436 to \$79,854. This is a reduction of \$60,582 which impacts the Administrative Specialist position salary.

9. Committee Discussion

None.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:37 p.m.

Moved by J. Wallace
Seconded by R. Stants

Motion Carried (4-0)

Elizabeth J. Young, Recorder

Livingston County Veteran Services February 2025 Summary

APPOINTMENT SUMMARY

Appointment Type	February	YTD
Claims: Death Benefits	17	33
Claims: Non-Service Connected Pension	1	1
Claims: Survivors Pension	1	10
Claims: Service Connected Compensation	137	269
Other	17	38
VAP - Soldiers/Sailors Relief Fund	6	17
Total Appointments	179	368

Walk In Summary		
Month	Total	Weekly Average
January	221	55
February	212	53
March		
April		
May		
June		
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December		
2025 Total	433	

TRANSPORTATION SUMMARY

Monthly Transportation Summary		
Transportation Summary	February	YTD
Transportation Rides Provided	171	354