



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

10 December 2025

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:17 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL

- Members Present:
 - Whitney Allen (KDVA), Chairman
 - Juan Renaud (KDVA), Deputy Commissioner, KDVA Designee
 - Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - David Rummel (JECVO)
 - Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - David Best (GAB)
 - Margaret Walton (At-Large)
 - Tim Martinez (At-Large)
- KDVA Staff Present:
 - Lily Patteson, KDVA Executive Director, OVLS
 - Kelsey Sanders, KDVA HR Specialist Senior
 - Rachel Dockal, KDVA Budget Manager
- The majority of voting members were present to satisfy a quorum.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- Review of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - Board received minutes from 25 September 2025 meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for funds available after obligations: October

(\$271,219.96), November (279,224.16), and December (\$474,714.16).

- Total Available funds for granting today are \$474,416.16 - Commissioner did set a buffer \$300,000. Financial Report received.

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

- Tim Martinez reappointed as At-Large Member & Margaret Walton appointed as At-Large representative replacing Amy McGrath; DAV is still in process of electing new representative for board; JECVO has new appointment for Dean Stoops in process.
- Discussed next steps of distribution of funds in the interest-bearing account.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$378,264.00 for the following grants:

1. Sister Thea Bowman Society - St. Agnes Church (KY0003583)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$9,264** to provide cemetery settings for 14 Civil War veterans and 2 World War I veterans buried in unmarked graves at Saint Louis Cemetery in Louisville.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$9,264
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

2. DAV Post 106 (No Vendor # Available)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to aid in the repairs of their current building.
- The Board voted to table until next meeting.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Dave Jarret (DAV)
 - # Motion for tabling unanimously carried.

3. Big South Fork Veteran Hunt (KS0031545)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to get disabled veterans back in the outdoors via hunting/fishing trips, etc.
- The Board voted to table pending a more detailed budget.
 - # Initial Motion made by Richard Dallaire (American Legion) to approve full amount
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB)
 - # Original motion superseded by a motion to table pending more information
 - Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
- # Motion for tabling passed 7-2.

4. HourseSensing (KY0066943)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$30,000** to provide veterans treatment and therapeutic job training leading to certification and placement at a permanent job.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$30,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by David Rummel (JECVO)
 - # Motion seconded by Margaret Walton (KYNG)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

5. Charlie's Angels Wellness & Advocacy (No Vendor # Available)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$8,500** to help fund the Familiarity Binder Pilot Project to bring binders and staff training to long-term care facilities.
 - # Initial Motion made by Dave Jarrett (DAV) to award the full amount
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummel (JECVO)
- Motion for approval failed 1-8.
- The Board voted to deny an obligation of **\$8,500**

6. Aviation Heritage Park (KY0081844) - No Show for Trust Fund Meeting.

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$123,000** to restore a Vietnam War era F-105F fighter/bomber to display at the Aviation Heritage Park & Museum.

7. Habitat for Humanity (KS0004702)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$100,000** to provide critical home repairs for Kentucky veterans across the Commonwealth through Hammers for Heroes program.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$100,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

8. KDVA Women's Veterans Program (Internal)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$56,000** to locate all 27,000 plus women veterans and bring awareness to the benefits they have earned.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$56,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

9. Center for Military-Connected Students (KY0032862)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$20,000** to purchase lockers at the University of Louisville for veteran students and create an emergency relief fund for veterans facing financial hardship.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$20,000** with the stipulation of immediate funding in the amount of \$8,000 and the remaining \$12,000 to be as needed or by reimbursement within 1 year of award.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)

- # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
- # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 5 of 9. 2 requests tabled. 1 request failed. 1 no show.
- Total amount approved: **\$215,264.00**

DISCUSSION

Thank you letters from the KDVA Homeless Program were included in board members' packets for the funding given to help in aiding the 5k Run/Walk and Shepherdsville Homeless Veteran standdown.

NEXT MEETING

DATE: March 10, 2026
TIME: 9:00 a.m. EST

PLACE: KDVA, 1111 Louisville Road, Suite B, Frankfort, KY 40601 or via Zoom teleconference.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:02pm.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson