

KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

11 June 2025

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:21 a.m. This meeting was conducted via a hybrid Zoom videoconference and in-person meeting.

ROLL CALL

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

REVIEW OF MINUTES

- Review of Minutes from previous meeting.
 - o Board received minutes from 12 March 2025 meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for funds available after obligations: March (\$452,214.74), April (\$401,371.69), and May (\$528,012.79)
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$468,786.78- Commissioner did not set a buffer. Financial Report received and approved.

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

- Marine Corps League Request approved in the amount of \$15,000.
- Hart County Veterans Committee request approved in the amount of \$7,076.
- Homeless Trust Fund Roll Call Vote - any amounts will be returned if unused.

NEW BUSINESS

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$214,840.00 for the following grants:

- 1. Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky, Inc. (KY0076342)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$35,840** to educate visitors about the Mexican War and the Texas War for Independence.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$35,840**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 2. Fire Mission Ministries (KY0081525)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$19,000** to provide veterans with a safe place to heal from addiction, offering them help to reintegrate into society.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$19,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 3. Kentucky Historical Society (KY0066309)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$25,000** to showcase and provide the history of Kentucky's women military veterans.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$25,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 4. Kentucky Aviation Historical Society (Bowman Field Foundation) (KY0067819)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$35,000** to provide a two-day festival highlighting the history of the field of aviation and providing a venue for all service members free of charge.

- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$35,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - # Motion for tabling unanimously carried.

5. Camp Hero Inc. (KS0019753)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$50,000** to provide mental health support services for veterans and first responders, using the outdoors and nature.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$50,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion).
 - # After discussion this item was tabled pending a request for additional information reference services provided.

6. Visual Presentations Inc. (KY0061902)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to hold a KY Veterans' Parade to honor and celebrate our veteran community.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

7. Veterans Care Foundation (KS0028740)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$30,000** to lead a new holistic health initiative (Operations Restore) aimed at providing various services to KY veterans.
- The Board voted to deny an obligation of **\$30,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 5 of 7. 1 request tabled. **\$124,840**
- Marine Corps League & Hart County Veterans Committee grant requests were approved totaling **\$22,076**.
- Total amount approved: **\$146,916**

DISCUSSION

- Current members remain in place until Boards of Commissions approves new members.

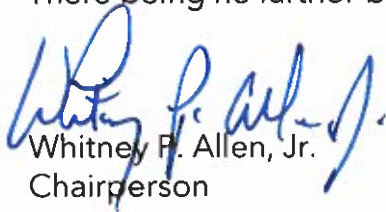
NEXT MEETING

DATE: September 17, 2025
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 12:09 p.m.



Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson