



KENTUCKY VETERANS PROGRAM TRUST FUND

Minutes

12 March 2025

Chairman Whitney Allen called the meeting to order at 9:04 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 Best (GAB)
 - o David Rummler (JECVO)
 - o Dave Jarrett (DAV)
 - o Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - o Tim Martinez (At-Large): joined at approximately 10:45am
- 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 Jimmy Hensley, KDVA PIO
- 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 10 December 2024 meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

- Monthly Activity Reports for funds available after obligations: December (\$598,078.97), January (\$647,066.69), and February (\$660,141.00)
- Total Available funds for granting today is \$769,755.02- Commissioner accepted \$265,962.00 as the potential maximum amount to be given. Financial Report received and approved.

DISCUSSION

OLD BUSINESS

- Two (2) estate donations to the Trust Fund were received. One in the amount \$109,000 from Mrs. Joanna Locke and one in the amount of \$13,000 from Senator Johnnie Turner.
- Applicants from KYNG and DAV for the Trust Fund Board, plus Carl Kaelin's reappointment as Co-Chair, are still pending approval. The American Legion board member position was filled by Richard Dallaire.

NEW BUSINESS

- Carl Kaelin re-elected as Co-Chair. New Budget Director for KDVA coming in 3/17. KDVA passed the Trust Fund audit.

REVIEW OF GRANT REQUESTS TOTALING \$265,132.00 for the following grants:

- 1. Honor Flight Kentucky (KY0056700)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$75,000** to fly Kentucky veterans to Washington, DC for an all-expense paid trip to visit memorial sites.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$75,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 2. Hopkins Co. Union Statue Committee (KY0070628)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$55,000** to build a Union Civil War statue in Hopkins Co.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$55,000**
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 3. POW MIA Flag Guard (KY0066309)**
 - Request for funding in the amount of **\$2,881** to provide a POW MIA flag wreath to the Lexington Veterans Center and Culpeper National Cemetery located in Virginia.
 - The Board voted to deny this grant.

- # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW)
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.
- 4. Hart County Veterans Committee (KY0059441)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$7,076** to provide a safe, accessible opportunity for mobility challenged veterans to raise/lower the American flag and attend ceremonies at the Hart Co. Veterans Memorial Park.
 - The Board voted to table the request of **\$7,076** pending additional information.
 - # Initial Motion made by Juan Renaud (KDVA).
 - # Motion seconded by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion for tabling unanimously carried.
- 5. VRUCK (KY0080776)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$15,175** to partner with the Lexington Legends on their Military Appreciation Day and host a Veteran's Resource Day.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of \$7,500.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (DAV) to grant \$7,500
 - # Motion seconded by Juan Renaud (KDVA Designee)
 - # Motion for approval carried 4-2 with 1 member abstaining.
- 6. Honor Flight Bluegrass (KY0059410)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$35,000** to fly WW2 veterans in a WW2 bomber to various locations in Kentucky on the 80th anniversary of the end of the war.
 - 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 approval unanimously carried.
- 7. Marine Corps League Dept. of KY (KY0059277)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$15,000** to hold a Marine Corps Birthday Ball to celebrate the Marine Corps 250th birthday.
 - The Board voted to table this grant pending additional information.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW) to table.
 - # Motion seconded by David Rummler (JECVO).
 - # Motion for tabling unanimously carried.
- 8. Kentucky Veterans Hall of Fame (KY0065506)**
- Request for funding in the amount of **\$50,000** to honor Kentucky veterans who have honorably served and continued to serve in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.
 - The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$50,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by David Best (GAB).
 - # Motion seconded by Richard Dallaire (American Legion).
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

8. Homeless Veterans Program (Interagency)

- Request for funding in the amount of **\$10,000** to host a 5K fundraiser to bring awareness to veterans currently unhoused.
- The Board voted to approve an obligation of **\$10,000**.
 - # Initial Motion made by Carl Kaelin (VFW).
 - # Motion seconded by David Best (GAB)
 - # Motion for approval unanimously carried.

GRANT SUMMARY

- Total amount of Grants approved: 6 of 9. 2 grants were tabled pending additional information.
- Total amount approved: **\$232,500.00**.

DISCUSSION

NEXT MEETING

DATE: June 11, 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 12:39 p.m.


Whitney P. Allen, Jr.
Chairperson