



MINUTES

Veterans Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 15, 2025 | 3:15 PM
Dublin Schools - Emerald Campus

CALL TO ORDER

Jeff Noble, Chair, called the Dublin Veterans Advisory Committee (DVAC) meeting to order at 3:15 PM in the Emerald Campus, 5175 Emerald Parkway.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Jeff Noble, Bonnie Gamary, Roger Ansel, Sean Clifton, Stephen Dickman, John Reiner, Jan Rozanski, Michael Kehoe (departed at 3:30 PM), Tim Hansley

Members Absent: Tracy Owens

Staff Present: Kendel Blake

Guests Present: Mark Goldman, Army Veteran

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Tim Hansley moved, Bonnie Gamary seconded approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting.

Vote: Mr. Kehoe, abstain; Mr. Rozanski, abstain; Mr. Reiner, yes; Mr. Dickman, yes; Mr. Clifton, yes; Mr. Ansel, yes; Mr. Hansley, yes, Ms. Gamary, yes; Mr. Noble, yes

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Veteran's Appreciation Card Program - Ticket Drawing**

Kendel Blake announced the annual Memorial Tournament ticket drawing for cardholders, using a digital spinning wheel. The drawing included 62 names and was entered by a staff intern. Richard Smith was drawn as the winner. A backup winner, Randall Daughtery, was also selected in case Richard cannot attend.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Memorial Day Ceremony Update**

Jeff Noble announced that Jody Davids will be the keynote speaker and Gold Star family speaker. She will also participate in the procession and conduct the wreath-throwing at the Bridge Street Bridge. Decoration Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 24 at 9:00 AM, with scouts placing flags at the cemetery. A short ceremony will follow in honor of Ben Jacobi, a member of the Army Air Corps veteran now honored with a proper plaque.

- **Eyes of Freedom Update**

The exhibit will arrive on Sunday, May 25, 2025 around 4:00 PM. The indoor display will be set up at the North Market at Bridge Park, and the outdoor version will be on display in Riverside Crossing



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Park. The indoor display setup begins at 6:00 PM. The display will be available to the public through Thursday, May 29.

- **Military Round Table**

The next Military Round Table will be held on Monday, May 19. Tom Holton will speak on “Navy Lingo.”

- **Update Veterans Affairs**

Kendel Blake referenced the legislative update document in the committee packet. Several veteran-related bills are currently in committee at the state and federal levels. Jeff Noble highlighted a renewed initiative to establish a State Veterans Retirement Home in Central Ohio. Director Buck Bramlish of the Franklin County Veterans Service Commission has connected with a state senator—believed to be Senator Bob Johnson—who has expressed enthusiastic support for the project. The senator acknowledged potential competition from Northeast Ohio, which is also seeking a facility, but indicated a willingness to move forward regardless. Funding for such a facility is split, with 1/3 from the State and 2/3 from the VA funding, but the current funding pipeline for these homes spans nearly a decade. Jeff Noble noted that while this development would take significant time, the senator’s commitment represents an important step forward.

STAFF COMMENTS

Kendel Blake recognized outgoing members Stephen Dickman and Tim Hansley for their years of service, including their involvement in citywide veteran events. Bonnie Gamary, whose term ends in July, was also honored. New committee appointments will be announced June 2. All are invited to the Boards and Commissions reception that evening at 5:30 PM.

Jeff Noble also invited members to attend the annual Memorial Day presentation to City Council on Monday, May 19 at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers.

ROUNDTABLE

Jan Rozanski shared his attendance at the Ohio Military Hall of Fame induction ceremony, highlighting the number and caliber of honorees. He noted that of the Ohio Military honored, three were Medal of Honor recipients, One Distinguished Service Cross recipient, six Silver Star recipients, two Legion of Merit recipients, six Bronze Stars, and one Navy Marine Achievement medal with Medal of Valor. His son, Alex Rozanski, a Lima Company veteran and City of Dublin alumnus, was among them.

John Reiner shared that his granddaughter gave a well-received speech to the entire West Point cadet corps—over 4,300 cadets—during a blood drive initiative.



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Sean Clifton mentioned recent graduation ceremonies for Junior ROTC programs in Logan and Grove City and encouraged Dublin's continued pursuit of its own JROTC unit. John Reiner shared that Dublin Schools had received a response from the Air Force regarding their application, noting that they are currently on the wait list and awaiting two advisors.

Stephen Dickman reflected on his time with the committee. He expressed his gratitude for having been part of a productive and impactful group and noted his ongoing willingness to assist in a more informal capacity if needed.

Tim Hansley echoed Stephen's remarks, thanking the Committee for their engagement and pursuit of honoring the veterans of Dublin.

Bonnie Gamary acknowledged student-led efforts by the Purple Star Group to collect and preserve veterans' stories, encouraging members to submit their contact information to participate.

Jeff Noble expressed appreciation for the contributions of Stephen Dickman and Tim Hansley as they conclude their terms. He acknowledged Bonnie Gamary for being selected as Grand Marshall for the City's 2025 Independence Day Parade.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 PM.

Chair, Dublin Veterans Advisory Committee

