

# STATE OF INDIANA

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

777 North Meridian Street Suite 300  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA 46204-2738



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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, January 2, 2025  
2:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Dennis Wimer, Mark Gullion, Joe Wasson and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Richard Leirer and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Operation Holiday Program

- MFRFFY25-OHP
  - Wimer offered a motion to approve all OHP packets as one vote.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:10 P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans Affairs' Commission  
Wednesday, January 15, 2025  
1:00 PM

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Commission Meeting Minutes

#### General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Director Adams, Chairman Leirer, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Gullion, Mr. Israel-Barnes and Mr. Wasson
- **Absent for meeting:** COL Mabis, Mrs. Gamble, Rep Pack, Sen Tomes and Rep Zent

Approval of previous Commission Meeting Minutes. Gullion motion to approve all at once, Caldwell seconds, Motion passes 6-0.

#### Mark Mathes – JVSG

- Jobs for Veterans state Grant. Is a formula grant to 54 State Workforce Agencies
- Stand-alone program with DWD 100% funded by DOLVETS
- Create and maintain relationships with businesses and veteran organizations.
- Assist transitioning servicemembers that relocate to Indiana.
- Work within the American Job Centers alongside partner staff with focus on co-enrollments
- Over 40 staff covering every county within the state
- We have Local Veterans Employment Representative (LVER) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP)
- LVERs conduct target outreach to employers to assist all veterans in gaining employment.
- Facilitate employment and placement services furnished to veterans
- DVOPs work with veterans.
- They provide service
- JVSG staff covers 92 counties with 24 WorkOnes in 12 workforce regions.

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- Qualifying Employment Barriers 1) Disabled veterans in receipt of VA compensatory/intent to file 2) Vietnam-era veterans 3) Recently Separated from Active Duty (36 months) 4) Referred by the 5) Unemployed
- JVSG work directly with employers to find the ideal match for veterans/employees
- Federal Tax Benefits for hiring veteran targeted groups.
- LVERs provided over 5,500 services to business
- LVERs created 563 job orders in Indiana Career Connect

### Old Business:

#### Gabrielle Owens – GVS Scoring Committee Selection

- Solicitation goes out the end of March beginning of April
- Added a commissioner to our scoring program.
- Joe Wasson will be the Commissioner who will represent for scoring.
- Richard Leirer will sit in on them.

#### Gabrielle Owens – MFRF Amended Rule Update

- No update on the rule at the moment.
- It is still at the Office of Management and Budget.

#### Joseph Devito – FY24 Annual Report

- Statistics from all across the state.
- Personnel are listed in the report.
- Training and Services – all of our DSO positions are filled and are currently at 100% with CVSOs across the state. 90 out of 92 have accredited service officers. 162 Vetraspec accounts being utilized.
- MFRF total expenditure over \$877,000.00.
- Majority of the applications are approved.
- SAA operates on the federal fiscal year. Work with the GI Bill.
- Event sponsorship program is doing well. We want to make sure veteran events are supported across the state. It is an application on our website that any nonprofit organization that is veteran related can apply for it. It has to be free to the public and celebrating your local veteran community, we can provide a \$500.00 grant to help support it.
- Grants for veteran services was almost 100% spent.
- Organizations using the grant to expand their reach.

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- WINVETS program has been expanding. Laura McKee is nationally known and has leadership roles within the nationwide program.
- Works in partnership with the DNR. Retreats are held at state parks.
- Next retreat is in May at Turkey Run State Park.
- Around 45 attendees at the last retreat.
- One of our goals is to get everyone involved. A lot of the hotels do not have the accommodations.
- Newsletter continues to grow.
- Veterans Cemetery continues to do great work.
- They are now able to do National Guard burials.
- Motion to approve Annual Report – Gullion makes the motion to approve, Caldwell seconds motion passed 6-0.

### New Business:

#### Gabrielle Owens - Grant Update

- Choose our Non Profit partner of the year and they receive the proceeds from our fund raising events.
- Our non-profit this year is At East Orchard. They provide grants to veterans who would like to start a farm. The grant helps with equipment and anything else needed to start.
- It honors the agricultural tradition of the State.
- Currently have 16 grantees that are listed on our website.
- We granted \$429,000 to them. To date about \$115,000 has been used.
- 5 veteran service organization grants – we award \$1.2 Mil in grant funds over \$219,000 has been reimbursed.
- Gov challenge grants. We grant \$375,310 to the MFRI.
- Planning grants for Hamilton, Allen and Johnson County \$67,000 in grants over 55,000 reimbursed.
- Can apply for an implementation grant. Currently have 2- Hamilton and Allen \$340,000.
- Non-profit Governor's Challenge 14 non-profits who receive 808,000. \$208,000 has been reimbursed.
- Indiana Semiquincentennial - we have granted \$50,000 in FY24 and 75,000 for FY25.
- Two grants at the IVH - 1<sup>st</sup> is the nurse retention and recruitment grant, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year \$125,000 total it is a 50/50 match, \$67,500 from state and federal.
- Construction grant for IVH awaiting the official word that we have received it. Recommended for approval. \$800,000 and would help with egress from the home. This helps ensure their safety.

#### Mark Gullion - Legislative Update

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- Approx 21 veteran related bills 12 from the House and 9 from the Senate. Big 4 will support most of them.
- House bill 344 and 433 are two that we are watching. Bills concern the CVSOs around the state.
- IDVAs posture is we want to serve Indiana's veterans in the best way possible.
- The Indiana Veterans Association does not agree with Bill 433.

### Public Comment

- No public comment.

### Jacob Adams - Director's Report

- Thankful for the opportunity.
- Going to look at a strategic plan for IDVA.
- Our partners are going to be involved in our strategic plan.
- Will be working inter-governmentally with other agencies. Want to prioritize veterans.
- Want to tell our story. How can we tell everyone all the work we are doing.
- Chairman Leirer would like to recognize Dennis's tenure.
- Need to get information out to the general population about what we really do.

Motion to adjourn Wasson, Caldwell seconds

### Next meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 9, 2025	6:00 pm (EST)	TBD
July 9, 2025	1:00 pm (EST)	Indiana Veterans' Center
October 29, 2025	1:00 pm (EST)	TBD
January 14, 2026	1:00 pm (EST)	Indiana Veteran's Center

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor  
Dennis A. Wimer, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Friday, January 10, 2025  
2:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Dennis Wimer, Kevin Coley, Richard Leirer and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Mark Gullion and Joe Wasson

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-8640
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-9106
  - Wimer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-0006
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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Eric J. Holcomb, Governor  
Dennis A. Wimer, Director

- MFRFFY25-1685
  - Caldwell offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Wimer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:25 P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Monday, February 10, 2025  
10:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

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Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jacob Adams, Stu Barnes-Israel, Mark Gullion and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Richard Leirer, COL Chris Mabis and Joe Wasson

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-4331
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Barnes-Israel seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-2181
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:20A.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Monday, February 24, 2025  
9:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adames, Mark Gullion, Richard Leirer and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-4080
  - Leirer offered a motion to offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-9491
  - Leirer offered a motion to offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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### Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Other Than Honorable Appeal

- MFRFAPFY25-9000
  - Leirer offered a motion to approve the appeal. Recommend applicants engagement with a Financial Counselor, County Veteran Service Officer and DWD.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

### Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of Income Waiver

- MFRFFY25-9616
  - Gullion offered a motion to uphold denial of income waiver.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:15 A.M.

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Tuesday, April 1, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Mark Gullion, Richard Leirer and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-44466
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-0555
  - Leirer offered a motion to deny application.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFAPFY25-9000
  - Gullion offered a motion to deny the application.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25 P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, April 17, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adames, Mark Gullion, Richard Leirer and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-4331
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-0785
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFAPFY25-024
  - Gullion offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFAPFY25-032
  - Caldwell offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:25 P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans Affairs' Commission  
Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
1:00 PM

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Commission Meeting Minutes

#### General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Director Adams, Chairman Leirer, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Gullion, Mr. Israel-Barnes and Mr. Wasson
- **Absent for meeting:** COL Mabis, Mrs. Gamble, Rep Pack, Sen Tomes

Approval of previous Commission Meeting Minutes. Gullion motion to approve all at once, Caldwell seconds, Motion passes 6-0.

#### Joe Ricker – At Ease Orchards, IDVA Non-Profit

- Retired COL from the US Army.
- Had an orchard and bees. Worked in agriculture.
- Veteran farmer of the year.
- Awarded 21 thru 24
- Heroes to hives teaches bee keeping.
- 2 veteran farms one in Danville and one in Anderson
- Operation Ground work is a three year grant.
- Agrivet challenge want to be able to help veterans who want to farm with financial assistance.
- Vetfarm spotify channel
- Partnerships are key.
- Mentoring and coaching available
- Agribility works with farmers who have a disability.
- Agribility tool box is an online resource

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### Old Business:

#### Gabrielle Owens – Grant Update

- Currently we have regular GVS and GCNP grants, the solicitations will close on May 1.
- As of today, we have 45 applications. Of those 45, 6 were complete and submitted 39 were in draft form. On May 12 we will score those grants. Chairmen Leirer and Joe Devito will help score the applications.
- We anticipate opening the solicitations for service organizations we have \$1.2M. Solicitation is drafted.
- We have 16 grants for \$429,000.415 and the Q3 is being processed 2 grants that are 100% spent and one at 97%.
- We have 14 grantees for \$807,810 with 51.17% spent, with one grantee with 86% spent and another 85% spent.
- For Governors challenge have 5 total \$125,000.000, 3 Governor's challenge grantees for \$450,000.00, VSO grant we have 5 grants for \$1.2M, Q3 processing one at 76% spent.
- IVH we have 3 grant opportunities through fed VA 1) nurse recruitment and retention grant this is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year. Provides bonus to nurses to keep and recruit. 1<sup>st</sup> year was \$134,000.00 for 50% match, \$57,000 federal. 2) Construction grant. We are currently in priority group 1. \$1,188,000 is the total project, \$772,000 federal share 65%. We are waiting to hear from the Federal VA. 3) Grant to expand the cemetery, we are in priority group 3. We are working with the home to see if the cemetery can be used for a larger population until we get to a percentage of fullness that would move us up a level of priority. The total is \$5.5 million.

#### Joe Devito – Communications Update

- Where we are going as a division. Laura and I are currently working on a new communication plan.
- We are developing our top 5 priorities. One is the commission. It isn't well known and we want to change that.
- We operate in the shadows as an agency. It is okay to let people know what we do and how we are affecting veterans lives.
- Creating connections and relationships.
- We are in the middle of a Salesforce revamp. Getting closer to launching a new dashboard.
- The dashboards will report a lot of new information.
- We are also tracking dollars that are coming into our state.
- In the future we want to have the division reports available on a link.
- We will build in a historic report as well.

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### New Business:

#### Jacob Adams – Indiana Veterans Home Master Plan

- Understand what we have as an asset.
- What land we can build on and what we can use.
- What would the cost be.
- Take this data and compare it with the market.
- Form a taskforce. It will meet for about ½ hour.
- Will have to acquire an intense amount of local support.
- Will attend stakeholder meetings.
- Once the cost has been identified our mission will be how to fill that gap.
- Convert to private developers and have the state finance those.
- Net neutral or no cost to taxpayers.
- We don't want to interrupt the nostalgia and the beauty of what we already have.

#### Richard Leirer/Kyle Gross – Review of the Duties of the Commission

- The first line on page 2, it says the commission shall. We have meetings to discuss rules. The prior administration, we had several conversations. We sent the final version to the powers that be and never heard back. There are executive orders out and we are looking to just start new with where we thought the rule should have originally went. We put together a new rule that addresses all of the issues.
- This incorporates 433 which changes how the CVSOs work. We will come up with the rules and accreditations for the CVSOs. We will have to establish procedures to monitor them. We have to also establish procedures on how to get rid of a CVSO if they are not in compliance.
- We can have meetings between the quarterly meetings if needed to work this out.
- There is an opportunity for a taskforce to do this instead of the entire commission.
- The commission can negotiate contracts with the Attorney General's approval.
- The commission needs to be more involved.
- Commission has a lot of responsibilities to the MFRF.
- Recommendations for amendments to the separation codes. All in favor of creating a taskforce to review discharge codes 6-0. Joe Wasson, Rick Caldwell and Director Adams will be on the taskforce to review the codes.
- Would like to write a letter to the speaker of the house and the president of the senate requesting that the members of the legislature should have to attend the commission meetings.

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### Mark Gullion – Legislative Update

- SB1 was passed. It is complicated. There were 60 amendments.
- HB1422 property tax deductions for veterans.
- Homeless veterans passed the senate and the house.
- SB433 has been signed by senate and house not signed by the Governor.
- Pull tab machines will generate revenue and it helps with recruiting new members to the service organizations.
- INNG will receive insurance coverage up to \$40,000.
- Businesses that assist veterans' families have to be accredited.
- New law recognizes Space Force.

### Public Comment

- No public comment.

### Jacob Adams - Director's Report

- Use our budget to allocate resources to a campaign to track who we are engaging with and how. IDVA will be more customer service facing.
- We are 5% under budget after speaking to SBA. Goal is to get to 10% to 12% by the end of the year.
- We will take a 5% budget reduction next year. We should still be able to operate the agency with what we have.
- There will be a forensic audit on how we use our money. The goal is to find fraud though none is expected.
- Senator Banks will be at IDVA on April 24. Working to get us a meeting with Secretary Gaul???
- SB433 we are internally drafting framework for that process. It will be a weekly ½ hour meeting.
- Economic impact is to show our leadership the value of the veteran in Indiana and individual comps. Show the impact veterans have on the community.
- Working on an initiative with FSSA to obtain a list of veterans who are on Medicaid. The goal is that those veterans could qualify for veteran healthcare and wouldn't need Medicaid. This would help save the State money. Just shy of 2M people on Medicaid, taking children off took it down to 1M, slightly more females than males on Medicaid. Estimate about 50,000 veterans currently receiving Medicaid.

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Motion to adjourn Caldwell, Wasson seconds.

### Next meetings

#### Date

July 9, 2025  
October 29, 2025  
January 14, 2026  
April 22, 2026

#### Location

Indiana Veterans' Center  
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Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Tuesday, May 13, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

1 East Main Street  
Ft. Wayne, IN 46802

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Richard Leirer, Rick Caldwell and Joe Wasson
- **Not Present:** Mark Gullion and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-7443
  - Wasson offered a motion to award over \$2,500. Recommend applicants engagement with CVSO.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-0686
  - Wasson offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Other Than Honorable Appeal

- MFRFAPFY25-8110
  - Wasson offered a motion to deny.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to deny passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 1:20 P.M.

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Tuesday, May 20, 2025  
11:00 A.M.

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### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Richard Leirer, Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson, Mark Gullion and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrille Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-1905
  - Leirer offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-1969
  - Caldwell offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:20 A.M.

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Tuesday, June 3, 2025  
2:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Richard Leirer, Mark Gullion
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson, Rick Caldwell and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-4203
  - Leirer offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-9981
  - Gullion offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-6544
  - Adams offered a motion to award over \$2,500.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00 P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, June 26, 2025  
11:00 A.M.

Indiana Government Center South  
Wabash Hall Room 4  
402 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Richard Leirer and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson, Mark Gullion and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY25-2575
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-5059
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-2788
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFFY25-1927
  - Leirer offered a motion to deny application. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-1030
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY25-2243
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

### Kyle Gross, Indiana Code 1017 Separation Codes

- Leirer offers a motion to continue with approved codes.
- Caldwell seconds.
- Motion to Approve passed 3-0

Meeting Adjourned: 11:40 A.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Wednesday, July 16, 2025  
3:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Richard Leirer, Mark Gullion and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** Joe Wasson and COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-1320
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-0386
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.
- MFRFFY26-3784
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
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- MFRFFY26-7091
  - Leirer offered a motion to deny application. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-5972
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-8701
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD and a Financial Counselor.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-6632
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:45 P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, August 7, 2025  
11:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Richard Leirer, Mark Gullion, Joe Wasson and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-0634
  - Adams offered a motion to deny application. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-7677
  - Wasson offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.
- MFRFFY26-5476
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFFY26-0923
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-2743
  - Wasson offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-7481
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA up to \$5,000. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD and a Financial Counselor.
  - Wasson seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-0077
  - Adams offered a motion to deny application. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Gullion seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-7425
  - Wasson offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:30

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Tuesday, August 27, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Richard Leirer, Mark Gullion and Joe Wasson

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-3332
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-8982
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.
- MFRFFY26-0959
  - Caldwell offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer..
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFFY26-4329
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-2183
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-2507
  - McGinnis offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA up to \$5,000. Recommend applicants engagement with a CVSO and a Financial Counselor.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-8122
  - McGinnis offered a motion to deny application. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

### Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Other Than Honorable Appeal

- MFRFFY26-6042
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Caldwell seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:00P.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, September 11, 2025  
9:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis, Mark Gullion and Rick Caldwell
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Richard Leirer, and Joe Wasson

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Kyle Gross, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-3907
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-9754
  - McGinnis offered a motion to deny application. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-8865
  - Adams offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA, pending the applicant is not receiving DIC. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFFY26-6546
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-2606
  - Gullion offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 A.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans Affairs' Commission  
Wednesday, October 29, 2025  
10:00 AM

Embassy Suites Event Center  
2353 East Perry Road  
Plainfield, Indiana 46168

### Commission Meeting Minutes

#### General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Director Adams, Chairman Leirer, Mr. McGinnis, Mr. Gullion, Mr. Israel-Barnes, COL Chris Mabis, Mr. Wasson and Rep Judy
- **Absent for meeting:** Rick Caldwell, Mrs. Gamble, Sen Tomes, Rep Pack and Sen Spencer

Wasson motion to approve previous Commission Meeting Minutes, Gullion motion seconded. Motion passes 6-0.

#### Kathy Broniarczyk and Shelly McDermitt-Wadsworth– Military Family Research Institute

- MFRI has 5 strategic goals: 1) Support the military 2) Strengthen civilian communities 3) Generate new and important knowledge about the military family and the military family experience. We have a new program that focuses on young children. 4) Influence policies, programs, and practices and 5) Sustain vibrant learning.
- One of our largest initiatives is Star Behavior Health Providers. It is working with civilian behavioral health clinicians and training them in military practices and culture. Goal is to create a cadre of clinicians and create a global directory so military members can find a health care provider.
- Developed a center designation to get a set of criteria that is in all 92 counties from 1 star to 4 star levels and letting the veteran know if the service is veteran friendly.
- Work with food pantries and faith-based entities to help veterans. We hold mini standdowns and invite the CVSO and other local services to connect the veterans with resources. We have had 18 counties hold these mini standdowns.
- MFRI is part of the Governor's Challenge.

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- For the Indiana Community Challenge, we worked with the public health dept at Purdue. Developed an index for veteran suicide. We provided all of the research. What things have a direct impact on suicide. Developed a 10 indicator risk index. We give a score to the county to assess their risk. We also give them their strengths. There are 15 counties with a score of 0 and seven counties with a score of six or higher.
- Indiana has led the way in many things. MFRI supports and contributes to that effort.
- Try to be creative and develop initiatives that have went beyond the state and helped create solutions.
- Served over 5,000 veterans.
- Try to help other organizations strengthen their work.

### Old Business:

#### Gabrielle Owens – Grant Update

- We have our GVS for FY26. We selected 32 non-profit organizations across the state. We granted out \$1.25 million. We are 10.3% spent but does not reflect the ones we are waiting on for reimbursement. HFAF has spent 100 percent of their money.
- With the community challenge grants: Currently no open planning grants. Those are usually a 3 month period. We have one that is ready to apply. We have two open implementation grants with Allen and Johnson county. New grant opportunity called a micro grant. If you are a partner of a community coalition you can apply for a grant for that segment of what you do for the organization.
- We have the 5 veterans service organizations with \$1.14 million in total. We have received reimbursement from one.

#### Joe Devito – Communications Update

- All of the data sheets we provided will now be available on the website.
- It is 100 percent transparent.

### New Business:

#### Joe Wasson and Bryan Schmidt – CVSO Accreditation Standards Overview

- This collaboration and partnership has helped us forge this relationship.
- Every Indiana veteran deserves high quality service and to know what they are eligible for.
- We want to maximize the resources and benefits for the veteran.
- The goal with 433 is to ensure veterans have the exact same level of service no matter what county they are in.

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- Over the course of the summer we developed a targeted framework to build 433. How can we supplement their efforts.
- Meeting with veteran service organizations and scheduled 11 strategic collaboration meetings that will consist of Indiana Veteran Services offices and their DSOs.
- CVSO opinions are the ones that matter the most.
- We had 15 county visits and focused on what they do. Went to the most and least populated counties across all six districts. Went to some of the border counties because they will sometimes get veterans from other states.
- Asked the same questions to all of the service officers. Do you use Vetraspec or use paper forms? Do you use a PIV card? Are you accessing VBMS? Do you participate in outreach events? Etc.
- Standardized technology, training and compliance across all counties. There will be some obstacles because not every county has the same resources.
- Trying to ensure veterans have the same experience no matter what county they are in.
- The legal services program
- In June we are having a four day training conference. It is everything about benefits, claims, pension, DIC, aide and attendance. They will be writing a curriculum for us so new CVSOs will have the same training.
- Training is mandatory. We will work with them to conduct back up training in case a CVSO misses the summer training.
- Refining the framework 4 core areas -1) technology 2) training 3) KPIs 4) office standards

Gullion motion to Adopt 433 framework McGinnis motion seconded, 6-0 passed.

### Mark Gullion – Legislative Update

- Working presently to get sponsors for bills.
- One of the priorities is tuition remission, we know it won't go anywhere since it isn't a budget year, but we want to keep it there so we can get it passed later.
- Dealing with eligibility to receive benefits from the state of Indiana and remove the danger pay wording.
- Hoosier veteran initiative that requests that homeless shelters reserve at least 1 to 25 beds for veterans regardless of separation status.
- Claim shark status, trying to prevent veterans from filing claims on their own.
- Having monthly Big 4 meetings to discuss issues.

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### Public Comment

- Jeff Wilburn – a couple of concerns about 433. Be careful about double reporting and don't make Vetraspec a monster. The CVSO hotline was hard to get through because so many people were always on it.

### Jacob Adams - Director's Report

- 433 has been a priority.
- System is in place to allow us to know we passed a good policy.
- We have finished our reorganization. We focused on operations.
- Our org chart is online.
- Spending a lot of time on the Roudebush replacement project. What is the state's role and why? It will only happen if the state intervenes.
- How do we procure new facilities for the VA faster and cheaper than how we do it now.
- We found new and innovative ways for local medical centers to be procured.
- Transparency portal is there so everyone knows where our resources are going to the penny.
- We want to use the information to get more resources.

Gullion motion to adjourn, Mabis seconds.

### Next meetings

#### Date

December 10, 2025  
February 18, 2026  
May 10, 2026  
August 19, 2026

#### Location

Indiana Veterans Center  
Indiana Veterans' Center  
Indiana Veterans' Center  
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Mike Braun, Governor  
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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, November 6, 2025  
12:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis, Richard Caldwell and Richard Leirer
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Mark Gullion and Joe Wasson

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Operation Emergency Food

- MFRFFY26-OEF
  - Leirer offered a motion to approve all OHP packets as one vote.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-7524
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-5576
  - Leirer offered a motion to deny. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to deny passed 3-0.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
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- MFRFFY26-0181
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.
  
- MFRFFY26-3578
  - Leirer offered a motion to accept findings from IDVA Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 12:40P.M.

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Thursday, November 13, 2025  
11:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis and Mark Gullion
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Joe Wasson, Richard Caldwell and Richard Leirer

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Operation Emergency Food

- MFRFFY26-OEF
  - Adams offered a motion to approve all OEF packets as one vote.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-OEF-9056
  - Adams offered a motion to deny.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-4163
  - Gullion offered a motion to deny. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
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- MFRFAPFY26-019
  - Gullion offered a motion to deny amount over \$2,500. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to deny passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 A.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Monday, November 24, 2025  
9:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis and Mark Gullion
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Joe Wasson, Richard Caldwell and Richard Leirer

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Operation Emergency Food

- MFRFFY26-OEF
  - Gullion offered a motion to approve all OEF packets as one vote.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-5360
  - Adams offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-5771
  - McGinnis offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFFY26-3298
  - Adams offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-3375
  - Gullion offered a motion to deny amount over \$2,500. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to deny passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-8736
  - Adams offered a motion to deny amount over \$2,500. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to deny passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 A.M.

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Mike Braun, Governor  
Jacob D. Adams, Director

Indiana Veterans Affairs' Commission  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
1:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

### Commission Meeting Minutes

#### General Information and Reviews

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call

- **Present for meeting:** Director Adams, Chairman Leirer, Mr. McGinnis, Mr. Gullion, Mr. Israel-Barnes, Mr. Wasson, Mr. Caldwell and Rep Judy
- **Absent for meeting:** Mrs. Gamble, COL Chris Mabis, Sen Tomes, Rep Pack and Sen Spencer

Wasson motion to approve previous Commission Meeting Minutes, McGinnis motion seconded. Motion passes 6-0.

#### Old Business:

Joe Wasson and Bryan Schmidt – CVS0 Accreditation Standards Overview

- Testing after the spring and fall training.
- Added more working groups. Meetings every week.
- Conducted one on one meetings with those who could not attend.
- Office hours need to be posted.
- Mandatory usage of claims management system.
- District Service Officers have been proactively helping counties get into compliance.
- Provide a secondary option for those who are unable to come to the initial training.
- Spring and fall training will be one day training across the six districts.
- Ala carte training, 17 modules available.
- Want to maximize filling spots.
- DSOs are required to biannually report to commissioners.

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- Meeting with the veteran's benefits administration to work on PIV cards.
- Gullion motion to approve service officer training, Caldwell motion seconded, motion passed 7-0.

### New Business:

#### Mark Gullion – Legislative Update

- Big 4 still working on legislative priorities.
- Working on sponsors.
- We feel a veteran is a veteran. You don't get to choose where you go.

#### Public Comment

- No public comment.

#### Jacob Adams - Director's Report

- We are now starting to roll out our data from 2025 and gathering preliminary outcomes.
- We are getting deliverables.
- We will start delivering our yearly impactful data.

McGinnis motion to adjourn, Wasson seconds.

### Next meetings

#### Date

February 18, 2026  
May 10, 2026  
August 19, 2026

#### Location

Indiana Veterans' Center  
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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Wednesday, December 10, 2025  
3:00 P.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
777 North Meridian Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis and Mark Gullion
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Joe Wasson, Richard Caldwell and Richard Leirer

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-5576
  - Gullion offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-4203
  - Gullion offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 3:10 P.M.

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Indiana Veterans' Affairs Commission  
Commission Taskforce Concerning MFRF Matters  
Friday, December 19, 2025  
9:00 A.M.

Indiana Veterans Center  
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Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Or  
Webex call-in

### Taskforce Meeting Minutes

#### General Information:

##### Roll Call:

- **Present for meeting:** Jake Adams, Eric McGinnis and Richard Leirer
- **Not Present:** COL Chris Mabis, Joe Wasson, Richard Caldwell and Mark Gullion

#### Old Business:

No old business.

#### New Business:

Gabrielle Owens, Consideration of MFRF Cases in Excess of \$2,500

- MFRFFY26-3851
  - Adams offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-7109
  - Leirer offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
- MFRFFY26-9077
  - Leirer offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

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- MFRFFY26-1022
  - Leirer offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-2083
  - Adams offered a motion to deny. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - McGinnis seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.
  
- MFRFFY26-3759
  - Leirer offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Adams seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 2-1.
  
- MFRFFY26-7257
  - Adams offered a motion to approve. Recommend applicants engagement with DWD, a Financial Counselor and County Veteran Service Officer.
  - Leirer seconds.
  - Motion to Approve passed 3-0.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 A.M.