

VVA #23, MEETING MINUTES, April 7, 2026, 1730 hrs.

CALL TO ORDER: Quorum met. 25 members present.

OFFICERS: Pres: George Mutlos, 1stVP: Richard Bongiorno, 2nd VP: Louis Cohen, Sec: vacant, Tres: Andrew Zawoyski; AVVA Liaison: vacant.

GUESTS: None

READING OF LAST MINUTES: "To accept Minutes of March 10, 2026".  
Motion made by Jim Bywalec, seconded by John Morley. APPROVED 22/0.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Informed the membership to be on the lookout for SCAMS being generated by people acting as Chapter Officers requesting funds. The email addresses and english are wrong.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. VA News: Richard Bongiorno - VA is cracking down on fraud because of false claims and unauthorized recipients costing millions of taxpayer's money. Lawyers are only allowed to charge a fee for appeals, not filing a claim. The VA will not give you a PSA test if you are older than 70. You have to demand for a test.
2. JROTC: Louis Cohen - Need volunteer for one school left. Contact Louis.
3. Veterans Treatment Court: Louis Cohen - Misdemeanors as of 4/6/26 is 11 cases, 8 men, and 3 females. No Felonies.
4. Woman Veterans: Myrna Rios - None
5. Golf Tournament: Ken Kolakowski - Everything is all set for this Saturday, Apr 11th, tournament which starts at 8 am. There are 14 teams signed up to play. Volunteers are needed to help. Contact either Ken or Myrna for details.

MOTIONS: "To donate \$500 to the American Legion Post #321 for the Special Olympics". Motion made by Andrew Zawoyski, seconded by Phillip Kahn. APPROVED 22/0.

#### MISC:

1. Moving Wall needs volunteers to attend a meeting on April 16th, 6:30pm, at Pine Island Multipurpose Center, part of the Bamford Sports Complex, Davie.
2. Wireless connectivity for Florida veterans sponsored by BVC, contact 954-271-4804 for details.
3. Veteran Phone Giveaway, April 15th, 4-7pm, Charles F Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Rm A101, Pembroke Pines. Sponsored by BVC, contact 954-271-4804 for details.

#### NEW BUSINESS: ANNUAL ELECTIONS, Jim Bywalec Election Committee Chairman.

1. The following Officer incumbents were all re-elected. 22/0  
President: George Mutlos, 1stVP Richard Bongiorno, 2nd VP: Louis Cohen, Treasurer: Andrew Zawoyski.
2. Secretary elected from floor: Patrick Lewis
3. Following Board of Directors elected: Myrna Rios, Ken Kolakowski, Joy Allington, Sam Velez, Charles Brodbar, Mark Horowitz, Norman Sinowitz.
4. SGT at ARMS: John Morley

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Next meeting May 12, 2026, 1700hrs

ADJOURN: 1845hrs

George Mutlos, Temporary Secretary