

Jasper County Commission of Veterans Affairs
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Commissioners: Robert Suesakul , Marta Ford, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg

13 May 2026

Minutes

On 13 May 2026, at 1506 hours, Commission Chairperson Jerry Nelson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Jasper County Veterans Affairs Commission to order. The Commissioners in attendance were Robert Suesakul, Jerry Nelson, Kat Thompson, and Ed Spangenburg. Also in attendance were JCVA Director Ray Maxey, County Veterans Service Officer Joshua Price. Dennis (HR) is in attendance as the only guest.

Approve Minutes:

Robert Suesakul made a motion and Ed Spangenburg seconded to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Commission meeting held on April 8th, 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

1. Outreach Discussion

Joshua Price & Ray Maxey spoke on the Coffee & camaraderie's looking forward to this months turn out, the Office looks forward to continuing said events. Jerry has suggested the office staff attend Java Java on main in Baxter as they do a sponsored veterans coffee every Thursday from 8-10 am. Jerry stated the Office should additionally look into doing a presentation at a company that employes Veterans named Co-line in Jasper county. The topic of outreach shall remain unfinished business going forward.

New Business:

1. April 2026 Activity Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report. Staff noted that **93** veterans signed in on the PII sheet during their visits to our offices. PII sheet is on file in office due to sensitive nature.

2. April 2026 Expenses and Allocation Report:

Commissioners reviewed the report.

3. Scheduled Bylaw meeting reminder

The Commissioners were reminded they have the bylaw meeting on 3 June 2026 at 4pm

4. Commission Chair Appointments

The subject of Chair and Secretary appointment was discussed and was tabled & will be brought forward next meeting.

5. Jon Dunwell Office Visit

Ray Maxey & Josh Price received a call from Jon Dunwell requesting an appointment regarding a Surviving Spouse the Commission was notified for transparency no action needed.

6. Vietnam Veterans Bus Approval

Josh and Ray have requested the commission approve a bus to take Vietnam Veterans a ride to the Capital for Vietnam Anniversary total is \$2,398.00 Marta Made a motion Kat seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: None

Kat Thompson made a motion Robert Suesakul seconded to adjourn the meeting at 1535 hours. The motion passed unanimously.

Confirmed next meeting: Wednesday, 13 May 2026, 1500 hrs., Jasper County Office Building.

/s/ Joshua M. Price, Secretary