



City of Doral Military Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

6:00 p.m.

**Doral Government Center
1st Floor Multipurpose Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
William Fitzgerald, Vice Chair	Absent
Christopher Flynn, Secretary	Present
Samantha Steen, Board Member	Present
Victor Arroliga, Board Member	Present
Samuel Grossman, Alternate Member	Absent

Staff present:

Danny Del Toro, Interim Director, Code Compliance

Public present:

Samantha Pinilla, VetInfo representative

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Danny Del Toro noted he is currently the Interim Director of Code Compliance and he will be the Committee's acting liaison.

Samantha Pinilla, speaking on behalf of VetInfo, the Committee's non-profit sponsor, noted not a lot of people at the event. Advertising of the event was late, but overall a great event. There were 20 volunteers that supported the event.

5. Approval of Minutes

- September 16, 2025

Motion to approve the September 16 meeting minutes made by Member Steen and seconded by Member Arroliga. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Family Day Event

Speaking on behalf of VetInfo, Ms. Pinilla noted that advertising needs to be advertised at least 2 months prior to the event, noted this was a failure this year. There were no health fair vendors this year compared to last year. Chair Watts noted the reasoning to late advertising and lack of sponsors was the late appointment of Committee members to start the event planning and outreach. At late outreach, many vendors had already committed to other events. Next year will be better since there is no Committee appointment process again. Chair Watts noted the day of this event was also the Miami Lakes Veterans Day Parade.

Chair Watts stated that going forward, the plan is to hold the Family Day Event the first Saturday of November each year, to deconflict and help support the Miami Lakes Parade the following day. In turn, Miami Lakes will be able to support and advertise for this Veteran Family Day event, giving local veterans and families two events over the weekend to attend.

Despite issues at hand in planning, noted success this year was pulling tents in closer together created a more enclosed circuit.

b. New Business

The Committee is interested in renaming the Veterans Park to Veterans Memorial Park.

Chair Watts highly recommends all Committee members attend the City Veterans Day Event at Veterans Park on November 11. There will be a number of special visitors in attendance.

Secretary Flynn noted the background behind renaming Veterans Memorial Park, which includes enhancing the park. The first will include adding a 6th flagpole for all the services, last noted was the Space Force missing from formation. Interesting in finding an interested vendor to install memorial bricks around the center circle.

Interest in finding new statues to accompany the current, and only statue, donated Vietnam unit memorial. Long term would look at adding military equipment, as other parks have guns, vehicles, helicopters. Noted issues is not so much adding memorial items is not so much adding the items but the long term cost of upkeep, maintenance, of the items.

Chair Watts noted an interest to bring back memorial banners that were placed along the street in front of US Southern Command.

Noted interest to reach out to the Committee's previous Vice Chair, Rich Batista, and get status of bringing VFW Post to the City of Doral, and continuing the effort.

7. Open Discussion

No open discussion items, all covered under New Business.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 2, 2025, 6:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 6:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2025, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member William Fitzgerald and seconded by Board Member Victor Arroliga.

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair

William Fitzgerald, Vice Chair

Christopher Flynn, Secretary

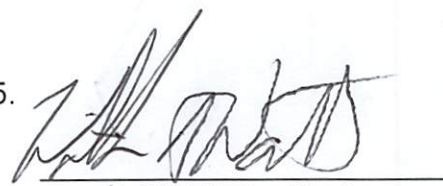
Samantha Steen, Member

Victor Arroliga, Member

Samuel Grossman, Alternate Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of December 2025.


Bill Watts, Chair