



City of Doral Military Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, December 2, 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 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Board Members

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair	Present
William Fitzgerald, Vice Chair	Present
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:

Tony Zarate, Doral resident, veteran

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Tony Zarate introduced himself from public attendance. Doral resident, retired Navy. Just recently learned of the Military Affairs Committee and is interested in what we do.

5. Approval of Minutes

- November 4, 2025

Motion to approve the November 4 meeting minutes made by Vice Chair

Fitzgerald and seconded by Member Arroliga. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Family Day Event

Chair Watts noted Family Day set-up this year was set up beautifully, but not enough participants showed up. Noted outreach conducted between the Miami Lakes and Miami Gardens veteran's associations, future events will be deconflicted. Doral will hold the Family Day on the first Saturday of November, Miami Lakes will hold the veterans parade the first Sunday of November, and Miami Gardens will hold their veterans' event the following week, closer to Veterans Day. All entities will advertise each other's events.

Intent is to keep this event at Doral Glades. Parking, secluded area, ease of access to the lake, and the open area in close proximity to all other park amenities makes Glades a convenient location.

Secretary Flynn needs to start on the paper for recognition of attending sponsors for this year. The current intent for Recognition: all volunteers from VetInfo; all non-profits, government entities, and attendees. Proclamation: Marilyn Puerto, Bristol Hospice; and for Johnny Morris, Bass Pro Shops. Key to the City: United Martial Arts.

b. New Business

Continue to research and seek to change name of Doral Veterans Park to Doral Veterans' Memorial Park.

Motion to move forward with request to the City Council made by Vice Chair Fitzgerald and seconded by Member Arroliga. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

Secretary Flynn will need to write up memorandum for the Committee Chair to meet before the Council and make the intended request.

Interest continues to "Adopt a Park", similar concept to Adopt a Street program. The Young Marines would be interested in adopting Veterans Park, in the same intent to Adopt a Street: to clean and beautify.

Interest continues for brick maker to make specialized bricks and install for memorials in Veterans Park. Vice Chair Fitzpatrick will find out who currently makes bricks through the Veterans Museum and gather contact and business information. Chair Watts noted the Mayor would also like to be able to lay memorial bricks for the dog park.

Secretary Flynn noted he is still in possession of the medic plaque that the Mayor requested the Committee to track down and find a home for. The owner of the plaque does not want it back, requested it be donated to the City of Doral, a veteran organization or entity. Secretary Flynn will send pictures to Vice Chair Fitzgerald, who will discuss a home with several of the veteran entities he works with.

7. Open Discussion

No open discussion items, all covered under New Business.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 6, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Flynn, Secretary

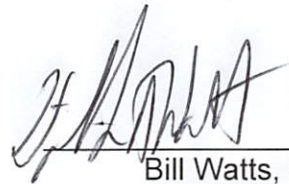
Motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2025, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
made by Board Member _____ and seconded by Board Member
_____.

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

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 ✓ *Approved via phone*
 SJS

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APPROVED and ADOPTED this 6th day of January 2026.



Bill Watts, Chair