

## City of Doral Military Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

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Tuesday, January 6, 2026

6:00 p.m.

Doral Government Center  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Multipurpose Room  
8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166

### 1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m.

### 2. Roll Call of Board Members

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

#### Staff present:

Danny Del Toro, Director, Code Compliance

#### Public present:

Tony Zarate, Doral resident, veteran

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

### 4. Public Comments

Tony Zarate commented on veteran booth at Publix hosted by Vet Info, positive comments on the reception.

Danny Del Toro noted the previous brick vendor used by the City of Doral was Bricks R Us, which the City will not conduct business again.

### 5. Approval of Minutes

- December 2, 2025  
**Motion to approve the December 2 meeting minutes** made by Member Steen and seconded by Member Grossman. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

## 6. Discussion Items

### a. Family Day Event

Chair Watts noted Family Day went excellent and was well put together, but advertising needs to be better. Conflicts on day of event will be deconflicted for 2026 event. Secretary Flynn has done all the recognition paperwork, noting a request for a Key to the City Doral Martial Arts. Bass Pro Shops will be a proclamation, naming Johnny Morris.

### b. New Business

Renaming Doral Veterans' Park to Doral Veterans' Memorial Park. Chair Watts is seeking to meet with the Mayor and discuss her thoughts.

Chair Watts continues interest to have Breakfast with the Mayor once a month, if feasible, maybe once a quarter.

Member Grossman discussed past conversations with veterans seeking employment with the City of Doral and being passed over for what they see as qualified positions. The veteran, in reaching out to HR, HR is informing them the decision is based upon the department hiring. In reaching out to department, the department is saying to reach out to HR. The concern is if veteran's preference is being considered and the disconnect in the post hiring process and non-selection understanding.

## 7. Open Discussion

May will start new planning for Military and Veterans Family Day Event 2026.

Discussion of a military and veteran events calendar through the City, such as what Vet Info is currently publishing on their website.

Vice Chair Fitzgerald is interested in upcoming US Southern Command pending change of command. Members of the Committee should be present.

Vice Chair Fitzgerald noted continued interest in Committee shirts, and the change of command would be a viable reason to wear. Chair Watts noted he has provided pictures, to Councilman Pineyro, of Miami Lakes, Miami Gardens, and Miami Springs city military advisory committee shirts, to emphasis the unique need for this committee to use city sponsored shirts.

**Motion to move forward with request to the City for sponsored shirts** made by Member Grossman and seconded by Member Steen. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

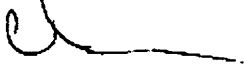
Secretary Flynn will need to write a memo to the City Clerk for the Committee to go in front of the City Council at the next City Council meeting, on February 11. Deadline for the memo to City Clerk is January 21.

## 8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 3, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

## 9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourns at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


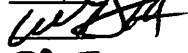

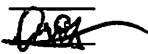


Christopher Flynn, Secretary

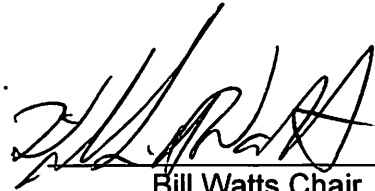
Motion to approve the minutes of January 6, 2026, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
made by Board Member William Fitzgerald and seconded by Board Member

Samuel Grossman

- 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 and ADOPTED this 3rd day of February 2026.

  
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Bill Watts, Chair