



## **City of Doral Military Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**

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**Tuesday, April 7, 2026  
6:00 p.m.  
Doral Government Center  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Training Room  
8401 NW 53<sup>rd</sup> Terrace  
Doral, FL 33166**

**1. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call of Board Members**

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| William 'Bill' Watts, Chair    | Present |
| William Fitzgerald, Vice Chair | Present |
| Christopher Flynn, Secretary   | Present |
| Samantha Steen, Board Member   | Absent  |

**Staff present:**

Danny Del Toro, Director, Code Compliance

**Public present:**

Tony Zarate, Doral resident, veteran

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

**4. Public Comments**

No public comments.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

- March 3, 2026

**Motion to approve the March 3 meeting minutes** made by Vice Chair Fitzgerald and seconded by Secretary Flynn. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

**6. Discussion Items**

**a. Old Business**

Chair Watts discussed the Committee request for City sponsored polo shirts. The Mayor has tentatively approved, pending a change to current policy that no Committees will be allowed the use of shirts. Shirts will be reviewed in the new year after elections and new committee appointments. This Committee will help write policy in proper use and accountability of shirts for all committees.

This current Committee will need to step down for November elections, and new members will be appointed following elections.

Use of Veterans Park for Memorial Day Event. The Mayor has authorized use of the park and donation of a wreath, and the Committee will hold a brief ceremony in honor of Memorial Day.

Several committees are planned for Sunset after elections due to lack of activity or purposeful advisement to the City Council. This Committee is expected to continue post elections. New members are expected to stay 4 years following appointment, tentatively to follow appointment with election of that City Councilmember.

Victor Arroliga and Samuel Grossman submitted resignations from this Committee. City Council expects committee members to show for specific City events based upon committee responsibilities. Current expectations for this Committee will be participation in Veteran's Day events, Memorial Day ceremony, Military and Veterans Family Day event, and to be identified US Southern Command activities.

Vice Chair Fitzgerald discussed US Southern Command emergency management plan, which does not include committed forces to support the City of Doral. A state of emergency would need to be declared and specific requests for the Command to support. Secretary Flynn is still in the process of reaching out to the City Emergency Manager, Natalie French, at the Doral Police Department, to discuss the City's CERT program.

Continue to reach out to the City Parks & Recreation Department about information to rename Veterans Park to Veterans "Memorial" Park. Chair Watts noted discussion with the Mayor that this is a consideration, however it will be a slow and costly process.

Veterans Park gazebo refurbishment has been completed.

The Young Marines will hold their annual 5k run at Central Park in October. This will be open to the public. Awaiting feedback from the Parks & Recreation Department.

**b. New Business**

Start planning for Military and Veterans Family Day event. Date is set for first Saturday of November, the 8th, tentatively from 10am to 2pm. Secretary Flynn needs to produce new artwork for the year. Plan on health fair to be included.

Secretary Flynn inquired about possible breakfast with the Mayor as a recurring event. Still in consideration. A venue needs to be identified.

Chair Watts noted Keyes will be sponsoring a meal for city veterans on May 30, either a lunch or late afternoon event. Intended for 10-12 veterans, to be identified. More details to follow.

Secretary Flynn needs to reach out to all sponsor attendees of the last Military and

Family Day event, to receive cards from the City, at the May 5 Committee meeting. Continuing follow-up of veteran banners to be created and flown on 33rd Street, in front of US Southern Command. Contact previous vendors to figure out cost, time and terms to advertise, paying for banners, and other pertinent information to start.

Vice Chair Fitzgerald is awaiting feedback from the military museum about their vendor that creates personalized bricks, to reinstitute in the Veterans Park and various other City parks.

**7. Open Discussion**

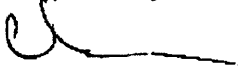
No open discussion topics.

**8. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourns at 6:28 p.m.

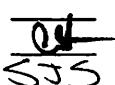
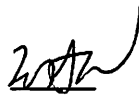
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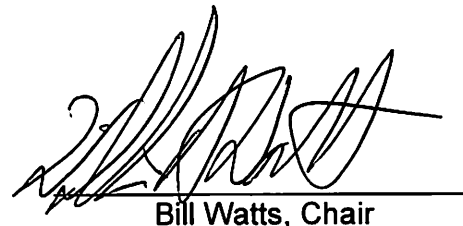
Christopher Flynn, Secretary

Motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2026, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting made by Board Member William Watts and seconded by Board Member Samantha Steen

William 'Bill' Watts, Chair  
William Fitzgerald, Vice Chair  
Christopher Flynn, Secretary  
Samantha Steen, Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 5th day of May 2026.

  
Bill Watts, Chair