



City of Doral Military Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, June 2, 2026
6:00 p.m.
Doral Government Center
3rd Floor Training Room
8401 NW 53rd Terrace
Doral, FL 33166**

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 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	Absent
Tony Zarate, Board Member	Present

Staff present:

Danny Del Toro, Director, Code Compliance

Public present:

Mark Pinilla, Vet Info, Founder

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Public Comments

Mark Pinilla spoke about past and upcoming veteran events. On Memorial Day event with the city was cosponsored with the Wounded Warrior Project. Fishing tournament held as Southern Command, involved a lot of children. Family event had very good response.

5. Approval of Minutes

- May 5, 2026

Corrected minutes, Vice Chair Bill Fitzgerald marked as present, as he called in to listen to the meeting after roll call and quorum announced.

Motion to approve the May 5 meeting minutes as corrected by Vice Chair Fitzgerald and seconded by Member Zarate. By consensus, motion passes unanimously.

6. Discussion Items

a. Old Business

Chair Watts discussed the Memorial Day Event. Noted it has gotten better over the years, very pleased with the response. To keep in line with the Mayor's intent on properly identifying those exemplifying support to city events, Chair Watts would like to recognize the following for their support to the City of Doral Memorial Day Event: the girl who sang the National Anthem, the Young Marines, the Doral PD Motorcycle Unit and Color Guard, Wounded Warrior Project, Vet Info. Secretary Flynn will draw up the paperwork.

For the next Memorial Day event, Vice Chair Fitzgerald looks to recognize local families and service members that died in combat. Families may bring a photo, flag, and their story for the service member to be recognized, with displays set up around the center area.

Member Zarate researched a vendor for bricks in the parks. Engraved pavers for Veterans Memorial Park, as well as potential to start the program in other Doral Parks. The vendor is Alejandro Martinez Pavers, 786-398-1276. Vice Chair, Fitzgerald would like to have the engraving black filled and sealed. Need to research cost, ordering procedure, and timeline to complete.

b. New Business

Family Day Event planning for November. Secretary Flynn will work on a new advertisement for Family Day Event and send to Mark Pinilla to comment, then on to the City Public Affairs. First Saturday of November, same place and time as previous year. Send out a list to all Board members the last vendor list to start outreach.

Chair Watts considering Geico to sponsor again as they have previously donated funds to veteran events. Concern is selling event at a non-profit family event.

Discussion on returning vendors, to include the health fair vendors and support from Miami VA Medical Center.

Secretary Flynn needs to reach out to Natalie French at Doral PD to discuss CERT for the city.

7. Open Discussion

Chair Watts wants to introduce archery to the Parks through Vet Info, therapy events for veterans. He is seeking someone to oversee the program for veterans. Secretary Flynn has expressed interest and will research needs to oversee this program.

Chair Watts reminded the group that Vet Info also has a golf program for veteran therapy needs.

8. Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 4, 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 June 2, 2026, Military Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
made by Board Member Samantha STEEN and seconded by Board Member
Chris Flynn.

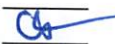
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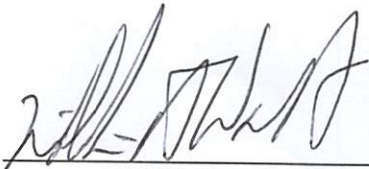
Samantha Steen, Member

Tony Zarate, Member



APPROVED and ADOPTED this 4th day of August 2026.



Bill Watts, Chair