

Michigan City Veterans Commission Meeting Agenda for April 14, 2025

5:00pm

Danny Bruce DAV 23

2301 Ohio Street

Michigan City, Indiana 46360

1. Call to order/roll call
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Approval of minutes
4. Public Comment
5. Unfinished Business
  - a. Governors Challenge (Suicide Prevention among vets, family and caregivers)-made contact with IDVA representative (Brian Schmidt, meeting with him and Xavier Garcia, local community outreach for Governors Challenge and Stacy G., therapist in LaPorte that is part of the challenge in May 2025).
  - b. Employment for Vets (difficult to hire with and without records)-committee formed
  - c. USO- can we have one in Michigan City (Jen and Steve Lockridge were researching)
  - d. Military Stand Down-contact made with Jill Powers still waiting for a date for Michigan City.
  - e. One Stop Shop (Building for Veterans for information, housing, counseling, clothing, food, etc). Possible locations Marquette Mall, the old Gordons, Staples, Armory, Christy's Motel on 20, etc.
  - f. Vans for Vets-update to be provided by Tracy Levay
  - g. Career fair with local veteran friendly businesses that hire vets even with records;/committee created/working with Chris Basile-Work One
  - h. Craft Fair/job committee formed
  - i. Moving Meeting Times moving forward 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the Month at 5pm
    1. April 14 DAV 23
    2. May 12 American Legion Post 37
    3. June 9 tbd
    4. July 14 American Legion Post 451
    5. August 11 tbd
    6. September 8 American Legion Post 37
    7. October 13 tbd
    8. November 10 American Legion Post 451
    9. December 8 tbd
6. New business
  - a. Break-out session for Committees
    1. Food Committee- Vera Gaston and Jen S.

2. Commanders/Service Organizations- Socrates Gray (AL 451), Allen Sheperdson (AL 37), Fairal Warren and VFW Commander
3. Jobs – Danielle Corley, Terry King
4. Mental Health/ Spiritual Intervention-Pastor Blakely, and Keith Devereaux
5. Housing- John Hall, David Bobinski
7. Announcements from Commanders about events going on at their organizations
8. Adjournment

Danielle Corley, President of the Veterans Commission