

## Price County Veterans Service Commission Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 19, 2025

**Time:** 3:00 pm

**Place:** Price County Courthouse Boardroom; 126 Cherry St. Phillips, WI 54555

**Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Douglas Moquin, Committee Chairman.

**Roll Call:** Members introduced themselves including their name, where they live, and in which branch of the military they served.

**Members Present:** Rosanna Bogle (Remote), Richard Lapp, Debra Metzker, Douglas Moquin, David Schmidt, Mitchell Surman, Elaine Doll, Harry Wilkinson

**Members Not Present:** Brittany DeVries

**Also Present:** Brian Ernst, County Chairman; Elden Shier, County Veterans Service Officer

### Items for discussion and possible action:

- 1. Public Comment and Communications:** None.
- 2. Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025:**  
Motion Schmidt/Bogle to approve the August 12, 2025, meeting minutes. Motion carried.
- 3. Appointments to the Veteran's Service Commission: term 1/01/2026-12/31/2028:**  
The Price County Veteran's Service Commission recommends Army Veteran Charles Lovelace, of Park Falls, for the appointment for a three-year term: January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028.
- 4. DAV Van Update:** The process for obtaining the van from the Northern Disabled American Veterans (DAV) was put on hold due to a manager who no longer works there. Price County CVSO is currently working with three people: the Chief of Public Affairs for Veteran Experience and Voluntary Services; the Voluntary Service Specialist for Voluntary Services; and the DAV Transportation Program Manager. The Price County Veteran's Office needs six approved volunteer drivers before the van can be delivered to the County, and they currently have four. Two additional drivers volunteered at the meeting.
- 5. Event Reports:** Events since the last Veteran's Service meeting include: the Veteran's program at Phillips School District on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2025; Steak Dinner at Park Falls American Legion 182 on November 11, 2025; 2.2 Mile Walk for Veteran Suicide Awareness hosted by the American Legion Post 362 and the American Legion Auxiliary which took place in Phillips on September 20, 2025 and the next one is scheduled for September 12, 2026. Veterans were present at the Price County Senior Expo on October 14, 2025, and it was a success. Looking into participating in the Senior Expo annually.
- 6. County Veterans Service Office Updates:** Four donations have been made to the Veteran's in need fund from the American Legion Auxiliary 182; Gene Nelsen; the American Legion Riders District 11 from Saxon; and the Flambeau Riders UTV/ATV club. The American Legion Auxiliary 182 donated dozens of hand-knit hats and scarves. American Legion Auxiliary Executive Secretary Treasurer/Director from Portage notified CSVO that there are two grants available to military Veterans: one for homeless Veteran women, and the other for military members experiencing financial hardship. Discussed roughly 15 Veterans on average walk into the CVSO weekly. Shier has received numerous emails, phone calls, and cards thanking him for being their CVSO, and he wants to ensure they're satisfied with the service they are provided.
- 7. Commissioner Reports:** A community member donated money to buy steak dinners for veterans. One 94-year-old veteran was extremely happy; however, another could not eat solid food. Discussed using the money to purchase five senior meals next time in place of steak. There are about 1280 Vets in Price County. VFW Post Annual Pearl Harbor/Christmas Day Dinner will take place at 1:00 p.m. at the Phillips VFW. Discussed how gas card donations from the Veteran's Office work, and now they are given out only if they have a medical appointment. They also offer food cards from the same fund, and they offer hotel rooms for homeless Veterans for between two and three days. The Park Falls American Legion Oratorical Contest is scheduled for the beginning of 2026. They are supporting two boys going to Badger State for \$400 per child.
- 8. Next meeting Date:** March 18, 2026
- 9. Future Agenda Items:** Expressed appreciation to the Price County Board for supporting Veterans.

**10.** The Chairman called for anything else to share for the good of the order. Discussed Price County Veteran's Services working with the Veteran Outreach Program Coordinator to help find housing for four homeless Veteran's. A fifth homeless Veteran has been in contact with the CVSO. Sofas for Service donated furniture to two Veterans who found homes through section eight housing in Park Falls.

**11. Adjourn:**

Motion Metzker/Wilkinson to adjourn at 3:43 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Meredith Hueckman, County Clerk

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