

**Chippewa County
Veterans Service Commission
Regular Meeting
July 13, 2026
Chippewa County Courthouse, Room 302
8:00 AM**

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 08:00 AM

2. Roll Call

Members Present: David Kelly, Philip Sarazen, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Members Absent: Lee Hennick
Others Present: Andy Albarado, Peter Johnston, Wendy Krumenauer, Jaclyn Sadler

3. Members of the Public Wishing to Be Heard

(Comments will be limited to 5 minutes per speaker.)

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

4. Consent Agenda

(Unless separation of an item is requested, all items will be adopted under one motion.)

Motion:	Approved
Result:	Passed (4 - 0)
Mover:	Richard VanderMolen
Second:	CW King
Ayes:	David Kelly, Philip Sarazen, CW King, Richard VanderMolen
Nays:	None
Absent:	Lee Hennick

1. Approve the Agenda
2. Approve the Minutes — May 18, 2026
3. Schedule Next Meeting Date - September 14, 2026

5. Reports

1. Discuss Wisconsin Veteran's Home @ Chippewa Falls - Phil Sarazen

Prior to this report everyone present introduced themselves.

Phil Sarazen, Director of Maintenance at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home informed the committee that the facility has 72 beds and over the weekend had 3 beds open up after the passing of 3 residents. All is going well at the Veteran's Home.

2. Discuss Veterans Department procedure regarding veterans requesting funds review - Peter Johnston

Veteran's Service Officer, Peter Johnston, explained the process the department uses when a request

for funding is received. If a request is over \$500 the VSO reaches out to the Committee Chair for approval within 24 hours.

3. Discuss requested number of veterans served in Dunn, Eau Claire, and Chippewa Counties, along with the amount of money spent by the VA per veteran - Peter Johnston

The VSO will bring this information back to the next meeting.

4. Discuss review of Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief Fund for purchasing flags - Peter Johnston

The VSO will check with Dunn County on how they are budgeting or where they are receiving the funds to purchase flags each year. He will also check with Mike Haley to see if anything was done differently in the past. Mr. Vandermolen will find out how many flags Chippewa County puts out and would need to purchase.

6. Business Items

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

7. Agenda Items for Future Consideration

VSO will bring the process for requesting funds back as a business item for the committee to review.
VSO will bring back the data from report 5.3 to the next meeting.

8. Adjourn

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