



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**  
REP. RON ROBINSON  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, May 15, 2025

9:00 AM

Room 308, House Office  
Building

The House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs was called to order by Chair Robinson.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Robinson, Cavitt, Maddock, Rogers, and Morgan.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Rogers moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 24, 2025. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Adam Ring, Vice President of Strategy, Uwill, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss expanding mental health support for Michigan veterans. He discussed establishing a competitive grant process for funding a two-year statewide teletherapy pilot program that would offer free on-demand access to therapy services for veterans. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Joshua Parish, Co-founder and Board Member, VetLife, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss the Battle Buddy platform, which is a veteran-led, mobile solution designed to combat isolation, increase access to benefits, and connect veterans directly to peer support and trusted resources. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Tim Poxson, Legislative Chair, American Legion, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss activities and services offered, participation in community events, and funding mechanisms and needs. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

John Myroniuk, Commander, American Legion Post 351 appeared before the subcommittee to discuss activities and services offered, participation in community events, and funding mechanisms and needs. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Todd Wodzinski, Commander, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4037 appeared before the subcommittee via Zoom to discuss activities and services offered, participation in community events, and funding mechanisms and needs. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Dave Ellis, Commander-elect, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in St. Clair Shores, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss activities and services offered, participation in community events, and funding mechanisms and needs. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Robinson adjourned the meeting at 10:00 AM.

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Representative Ron Robinson, Chair

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