

New Hanover County Veterans Council Agenda
March 19, 2026
NHC Government Center Building, Room 136
10:00 A. M

Call to order: Chairman Don Betz

Invocation: Dianne Jinwright

Pledge of Allegiance: (all standing) Paul Niggl

Roll call by Secretary:

Council Officers:

- Chairman: Don Betz
- 1st Vice-Chair: Marc Biddison
- 2nd Vice-Chair: Jim Ware
- 3rd Vice-Chair: Paul Niggl - *NDA*
- Secretary:
- Treasurer: Dianne Jinwright
- Director at Large: Ritt Schiano *NDA*
- Director at Large: Tim Synder

Roll Call of Organization Members by Secretary:

Reading of the minutes previous meeting by Secretary:

January 22, 2026

Treasurer's Report:

Status of unpaid members dues

Introduction of guests or new organizations:

Unfinished Business:

- Frank Roberts: **Brayden Konen of Veterans Services of the Carolinas**
- Veteran Banner Project update (Jim Ware or Paul Niggl)
- Membership Report
- Amendment to the NHCVC by laws was discussed as reflected in the minutes of January 22, 2026 and presented below for consideration of adoption.
 - Minutes of the previous meeting indicated NABVETS would be hosting another Veteran Recognition Gala on May 16, 2026 as a Salute to Military Veterans at American Legion Post 10.
 - Motion to purchase \$500.00 in tickets at \$50.00 a ticket on behalf of the NHCVC for a table at the Gala with NHCVC logo in the bulletin for the program, voice mention during the gala and designation of one member for recognition during the gala.

New Business:

- **Discussion by Executive Committee Members (Council Officers) of proposed Amendment to the New Hanover County Veterans Council By Laws:**

The amendment is being proposed to address ARTICLE 111: OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EXCOM) Which states that: "Only dues-paying members (representing a Nationally recognized veteran organization) may hold office." A proposed amendment would simply allow up to 2 affiliate members from within the county to serve as officers.

ARTICLE V111-ADOPTION AND CHANGE OF THESE BY LAWS;

These By Laws (change) shall become effective when adopted by a 2/3 voted at a regular Or special Council meeting, after due notification to all members and presentation of the proposed Bylaws in writing to the Executive Committee one week prior to the meeting and others members at the meeting.

Good of the order:

Article VII: Voting and Conduct of Meetings: Section 13: Vacancies, for whatever reason, may be filled At the meeting the vacancy becomes known, or the following meeting depending upon the will of the Council. Nominations may be received from the floor. Voting can be by open vote unless there are two or more candidates for the position.

The officer position of Secretary is declared open: Nominations are now to be consider by the chair: Upon nomination or nominations an election shall be held either with a ballot or if only one candidate a show of hands.

Next meeting:

- May 21, 2026
- Location: New Hanover County Rm 155

Appreciation To: Samantha Grady NHC for room & Agenda

Closing Prayer: Dianne Jinwright

Salute to the Colors: Paul Niggol

Adjourned at:

Time: _____