

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
CADDO PARISH COMMISSION'S  
VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2024

The Caddo Parish Veterans Committee met in legal session on the above date at 1:30 p.m., in the Government Plaza Chambers Conference Room, with Mr. Epperson, presiding, and the following members in attendance: Commissioners Cothran, Epperson, and Thomas (3). ABSENT: Commissioners Blake and J. Young (2).

Mr. Cothran gave the invocation, and Mr. Thomas led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance. There were no Agenda Additions or Public Comments, so the Committee moved onto New Business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- Introduction, overview, and discussion of committee activities and veterans' issues

Mr. Epperson provided a copy of the 2024 Veterans Celebration Committee schedule and gave the dates as follows:

- Veterans Memorial Program—May 23 at 10:00 AM at the Bill Cockrell Community Center
- Joint Proclamation Signing and Press Conference—November 1 at 10:00 AM at Government Plaza
- Veterans Celebration Week—November 4 through November 10
- Operation Greenlight—November 4 through November 10
- Veterans Honor Ceremony—November 9 at 5:00 PM at the Shreveport Municipal Auditorium
- Veterans Parade—November 10 at 2:00 PM at the Louisiana State Fairgrounds

Mr. Epperson invited everyone to attend the Veterans Celebration meetings and be a part of the planning stages for the Veterans Parade and Honor Ceremony.

He then talked about Charlton J. Meginley, who is the new Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs. He provided a handout with a geographic distribution of VA expenditures broken down by parish. In Caddo Parish, there are 17,220 veterans.

Mr. Epperson reminded the Commissioners to thank a veteran every day, not just on Veterans Day.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.

  
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