

MILITARY AND VETERANS LAW SECTION

FEBRUARY 2026 MEETING MINUTES

The February 2026 meeting of the Military and Veterans Law Section was held at 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 17, 2026 by Zoom Video Conference with virtual attendance by the Oregon State Bar Center in Tigard, Oregon. In attendance at the meeting was:

In Person	By Zoom	Unable to Attend	Position	Name
	X		Chairperson	Ross Neher
	X		Chair-Elect	Jennifer B. Sackett
	X		Treasurer	Jennifer E. Dunn
			Secretary	TBD (not William Purdy – Chair to send note to OSB)
	X		Member-At-Large	Timothy D. LaBadie
	X		Member-At-Large and Website Committee Chair	Collin Clark McKean
	X		Member-At-Large	Michael D. Curtis
	X		Member-At-Large and CLE Committee Chair	Leslie A. Nelson
	X		Member-At-Large and Legislative Committee Chair	Leah Eccles Watson
		X	Member-At-Large	Joshua James Williams
	X		OSB BOG President; MVLA BOG Representative	Tomás Hernandez
	X		Bar Liaison	Eric Eugene McClendon
	X		Law School Liaison - L&C	Parker Gunnhild
	X		Law School Liaison - WL	Jared Rumsey
		X	Law School Liaison - UO	TBD
		X	Bar Liaison	Logan Stewart

Opening Remarks: Briefed by Chairperson, Ross Neher

- Welcome

Roll of Attendees:

- 12 people in attendance by mid-meeting to include 8 voting members (6 at beginning of meeting)
- No meeting minutes for January 2026 meeting as there was not a quorum or Secretary (in attendance at January meeting was Ross Neher, Leah Watson, Collin McKean, Jared Rumsey)

Standing Committee Reports:

Treasurer Report: Briefed by Jennifer Dunn

- Link to OSB Financial Report
- Link January Report
- Available Funds
- Anticipated Expenses
- Membership status - 105 members according to OSB
<https://www.osbar.org/sections/military.html>

CLE & Events: Briefed by Committee Chair, Leslie Nelson and committee member, Leah Watson

- Disability Law Section would like to jointly sponsor a CLE
 - Details and date to be determined
- Joint CLE with Oregon Military Department (OMD) on Law Day
 - Friday May 1, 2026 afternoon (3-4 hours)
 - OMD Headquarters, MG White Building, 230 Geer Dr, Salem, OR 97301 (closest parking available by entering gate for Oregon Army Guard Anderson Readiness Center; parking also available across the street at Geer park).
 - Motion to support Law Day CLE event passed

Website: Briefed by Committee Chair, Collin McKean

- Please send update requests by email.
- Resource Section can be updated
- Event section needs details on upcoming events
- Screen snips below meeting notes for reference.

Legislative /Update: Briefed by Committee Chair, Leah Watson

- The current session is a short session with limited ability to present proposals
- MVLS victim advocate proposal on hold for community discussions before potential presentation at a longer session
- Heads up on Civil Air Patrol (CAP) legislation passed by Washington State being considered for proposal by Oregon CAP. CAP is an auxiliary of the Air Force creating a military nexus for our section. Law created a formal relationship between WA CAP Wing and WA Military/Emergency Services Department.

Law School Representatives:

Lewis & Clark Law

- No formal student club, but Veteran students at school

Willamette Law

- May 1st is last day of final exams; law students may enjoy a networking opportunity of the CLE and definitely a social event

University of Oregon Law

- Oregon Guard law student to be contacted by Jared Rumsey to see about interest in being school rep

New Business/Announcements:

- Request from Civics Learning Project for donation
- BOG Resolution honoring Veterans (Jared Rumsey)
 - No resolution presented this year; though traditionally done
- Bar President reation and plans for 2026
- Nomination process for a Secretary; OSB Rep to provide information for next meeting

Closing Remarks: Briefed by Chairperson, Ross Neher

- Thank you all for attending
- Next meeting is March 17th at noon, via Zoom

Wrap-Up/Adjourn

- Meeting adjourned by consensus.

Notes for Website Updates:

Update POC for attending meetings when Secretary position is filled and 2026 Annual meeting date.

<https://militaryandveteranslaw.osbar.org/events-and-training/>

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Section Meetings & Continuing Legal Education

Executive Committee

Monthly Meetings

The Executive Committee meets the third Tuesday of every month (except December) at noon in the offices of the Oregon State Bar in Tigard, Oregon. The executive committee meetings are open to the public.

Effective March 12, 2020, until further notice, the monthly meetings of the executive meeting are by telephone/Zoom only while Covid-19 restrictions are in effect. Contact Chair or Secretary if you would like to participate.

Annual Meeting Information

The Section's annual meeting is held in November, just before the November Executive Committee meeting. The annual meeting is open to the public. The 2023 Annual Meeting will be held near November 15, 2023, starting at 12 noon. The meeting will be via Zoom. Details to follow or contact Secretary for details.

During the annual meeting, nominations will be made for next year's Executive Committee positions. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Need Meeting Minutes for 2026, 2025, and perhaps 2024, 2023.

- How far back are we required to maintain meeting minutes for as a section?

<https://militaryandveteranslaw.osbar.org/committee-meeting-minutes/>

Military and Veterans Law Section Home Committee Meeting Minutes

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

(Official minutes are available from the Secretary)

2022 Minutes	2021 Minutes	2020 Minutes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 2022• February 2022• March 2022• April 2022• May 2022• June 2022• July 2022• August 2022• September 2022• October 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 2021• February 2021• March 2021• April 2021	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 2020• February 2020• March 2020• April 2020• May 2020• June 2020• July 2020• August 2020• September 2020• October 2020• November 2020• Annual Meeting 2020• (No December meeting)

Update the events to reflect 2025 and 2026 events (to show that we have had more recent events than 2022).

- Could add Eugene CLE event from last fall
- Will provide details on Law Day CLE for addition to website

<https://militaryandveteranslaw.osbar.org/events/>

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There are no upcoming events.

Latest Past Events

NOV 16 2022 November 16, 2022 @ 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Consumer Protection Issues for Veterans

Zoom

Join Mike Fuller as we learn about consumer protection issues for Veterans. Where: *****ONLINE***** Meeting links and materials provided the day before the event Cost: \$30 per session \$50 for entire series \$0 Free for Military and Veterans Law Section members Free for Military and Veterans Law section members: Sign up for \$25 membership to [...]

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