

FBA VETERANS & MILITARY LAW SECTION
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

December 16, 2025

Attendees:

- Courtney Ramos, David Harding, Andrew McConville, Dylan Perry, Harvey Weiner, Andrew Wondolowski, Kaitlyn Degnan, Kevin Fitch, Mike McCarthy, and Desiree Castillo

-November 2025 Meeting Minutes are approved.

Welcome Statement

- Courtney provided an update on the Welcome Statement and Appendix for the VML Section page.

Agenda

- Courtney will circulate a group email to the VML Section in advance of meetings to consolidate agenda items and organize talking points.

CLE - Posse Comitatus Act

- Courtney reached out to a potential presenter regarding the Posse Comitatus Act. That person was not comfortable taking lead, but could possibly serve as a moderator for a panel discussion, which could include judge advocates.
- Andrew McConville will check with his contacts at the Naval Justice School regarding possible panelists for this presentation.
- There was a discussion of possibly tying the CLE into the anniversary of The Boston Massacre (March 5).
- CLE materials need to be provided to the webinar partner at least 10 days before the presentation. Courtney will work with Desiree on presentation learning objectives and outline.

Membership

- Desiree provided an update on membership totals.
- Andrew Wondolowski will send out a welcome message to new members in January after the holidays.

Veteran/Military Law Update

- Harvey provided an update on the Hencley case re: sovereign immunity for government contractors. The case was argued before SCOTUS on November 3, 2025 and the opinion should be issued in the next few months.

- Harvey also discussed a recent decision regarding the application of the federal enclave clause of the U.S. Constitution (Article I, section 8, clause 18).

Potential Naval Justice School Award

- Andrew McConville provided an update on possible support/sponsorship of an award for a deserving graduate of the Naval Justice School (NJS) Basic Lawyer Class (BLC).
- NJS has shown interest and appreciation in the Section's possible sponsorship of an award. Andrew said that NJS has three BLCs that graduate each school year and that he will participate in a call with NJS's Commanding Officer in the near future to further discuss details for a possible award.

Federal Lawyer Edition

- Publication is set for January 2026.
- Veterans & Military Law will appear on the cover of the publication.