

FBA VETERANS & MILITARY LAW SECTION

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2026

Attendees:

Courtney Ramos, David Harding, Andrew McConville, Dylan Perry, Andrew Wondolowski, Carol Scott, Mike McCarthy, and T.J. McGrath.

Welcome

- February 2026 Meeting Minutes were approved.

CLE Status/Co-Sponsorship of Events

- The following CLE co-sponsorship events/opportunities were discussed:
 - 17 June 2026 – Widener Law School - Army Heritage Foundation – Red Cross Presentation – Law of War. Requesting Lieutenant General (R) Charles Pede, 40th Judge Advocate General of the United States Army, to speak.
 - 17 April 2026 – University of Baltimore School of Law (1401 N Charles St. Baltimore, MD) – 17th Annual Veterans Legal Assistance Conference & Training – Section has previously been an organizer / sponsor. This event is in-person, but virtual options will be made available for the afternoon sessions. Log-in information is not yet available. 3 hours of CLE credit is available (participants may apply for credit through their state bar). There is no monetary obligation to attend this event.
 - It was suggested that a message be sent to all Section members notifying them of the upcoming CLEs.

Membership Update

- Andrew Wondolowski and Mike McCarthy provided an update on membership totals: 4 new members joined (3 students and 1 professional). As of the end of February, the current membership totals are 169 associates and 217 professional members, for a total of 386 total members.

Update from the Hill

- Carol Scott provided an update from the Hill. There has been significant House Committee activity concerning VA programs, to include tightening up the accountability for VHA employees and setting up an advisory committee on national drug formulary.

Key Dates

- 27-28 March 2026 – Leadership Summit. Courtney will attend. Volunteers for the moot court are still needed.
- 17-19 September 2026 Annual Conference (Richmond, VA). Registration is open. The Section is encouraged to think about and submit possible topic ideas for CLE panel proposals. Panel proposals are to be submitted by April 3.

Miscellaneous Items

- It was discussed that, at the conclusion of the current year, Section/Division officers will ascend one rung up the leadership ladder for one-year terms.