



Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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13 September 2018

Executive Meeting

4:00 PM

- I. Call to Order: 4:05PM
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Picciolo
 - B. Opening Prayer: Treasurer Mlynek
- II. Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary Williams

Executive Board		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jack Picciolo	Chairman	Present
Victor Martinka	Vice Chairman	Present
Denise Williams	Secretary	Present
Tom Mlynek	Treasurer	Present
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	Present
Jim Singler	Chaplain	Absent
James Baskerville	Member	Absent
Larry Chisausky	Member	Present
John Kestel	Past Chairman	Excused
John York	Past Chairman	Present
Tony Sallese	Past Chairman	Present
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	Present

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
 - A. Eddie West, Derrick Williams, & Cori Herbert from Joliet Softball Tournament for Veterans
 - a) Presented Check to Our Patriots from Tournament held in August. Will be hosting another tournament in November –Details to follow
 - B. Denise Williams, Secretary & President of American Gold Star Mothers, IL requested Mr. West and VSO Greg Wiza retrieve Flag of Honor
 - a) Secretary Williams presented VAC with her son, PFC Andrew Meari’s Flag of Honor; Will hang in remembrance at VAC. Secretary Williams thanked the VAC Staff and Board for continued support of her through her journey.
 - b) Secretary Williams presented Superintendent McNichol w/ Gold Star Mother coin

- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (9 Aug 2018 @ 1605)
 - A. Motion: Past Chairman Horne; Seconded, Past Chairman York; All in favor.
- V. Superintendents Report: Superintendent McNichol
 - A. Outreach Report:
 - Sept Tue & Thurs FREE YOGA for veterans, spouses, Gold Stars (every TR)
 - Sept 4-7 American Warrior Symposium
 - Sept 5 Homeless Prevention Task Force (Jen)
 - Sept 8 Operation Firm Handshake (Erik)
 - Sept 9 Monee Sharefest (Greg)
 - Sept 10 Outreach Monee Township (Erik)
 - Sept 10 Blind Veteran Golf Tournament (Kristi & Dan)
 - Sept 10 HINES Town hall Meeting (Kristi)
 - Sept 11 Joliet Township Volley4Vets check presentation for Our Patriots, LLC (Kristi)
 - Sept 12 Hines Mental Health Summit (All VSOs)
 - Sept 13 MMJ Registration
 - Sept 19 Odyssey Golf Veteran Outreach Event, Tinley Park (Dan & Greg)
 - Sept 20 Peotone American Legion (Erik)
 - Sept 24-28 NACVSO Contract Accreditation (Dan & Greg)
 - Sept 24 Continuum of Care Leadership Meeting (Kristi)
 - Sept 26-27 IACVAC Board Meeting (Kristi, Jen, Erik)
 - Oct 6 Bowman's Ruck
 - B. VSO Report:
 - C. Assistance Report
 - a) Reviewed Financial Assistance Vouchers allotted June 2018
 - 1. Gas Bill: 21 (\$713.57)
 - 2. Electric Bill: 35 (\$3,094.30)
 - 3. Water Bill: 13 (\$914.66)
 - 4. Shelter: 34 (\$13,425.00)
 - b) Motion to accept reports: Secretary Williams; Seconded Treasurer Mlynek; All in favor.
- VI. New Business:
 - A. Review new Legislative Updates (21 Aug 2018)
 - a) Hand out given on all bills signed by Gov. Assistant Superintendent Solum reviewed the veteran's legislative changes.
 - B. Volunteers Needed 6 October 2018 Bowman's Ruck
 - C. Caring Patriots, NPO 10th Veteran Food Give Away
 - a) Looking for support from VAC
- VII. Old Business:
 - A. Review Child Support Deduction addendum
 - a) Motion: Secretary Williams; Second Past Chairman York; All in favor.
 - 1. Child Support Deduction to be enacted during 10/2018 & moving forward
 - B. Veterans Day Ceremony
 - a) Speaker will be Retired SFC John Collett, Founder Three Rangers Foundation.
 - 1. SFC (R) Collett was part Battle of Mogadishu, Task Force Ranger (aka "Blackhawk Down") 2018 is 25th Anniversary of Battle of Mogadishu
 - 2. Superintendent McNichol will reach out to area posts that have been involved with ceremony to collaborate
- VIII. For the Good Of the Commission:
 - October 6 - Ruck March, CSM (R) Mark Bowman

- Oct 6-7 Caring Patriots Collection Day
- Nov 9 Veterans Day Breakfast, Joliet Hospice (Kristi)
- Nov 11 Will County Veterans Day Ceremony (Kristi & Dan)
- Nov 12 Veterans Day Breakfast, SAMS Club Joliet (Kristi, Jen)
- Nov 13-16 USOCOM Care Coalition
- Nov 18 Caring Patriots, LLC 10th Annual Food Veteran Food Give Away
- IX. Motion to Adjourn: Past Chairman Horne; Second, Past Chairman York; All in favor.S

NEXT MEETING
4PM
11 October 2018
2400 Glenwood Ave, STE 110
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