



# Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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**11 April 2019** **Executive Meeting** **4:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Martinka @ 1605
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Opening Prayer: Chaplain Singlar
- II. Roll Call of Attendees: Chairman Martinka

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

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
  - a) Daniel Northrup, Veteran
  - b) Nick Lunichski from Marie Newman for Congress: Ms. Newman is running again in 2020 and is looking to learn about veteran issues in her district.
  - c) Tammy Barnes & Susan Kainrath, Will County Meals on Wheels.
    - 1. Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteer drivers. Time commitment <2hrs per day, one day a month.
    - 2. Superintendent McNichol requested BOD take info back to BOD Member posts.
    - 3. Free service
- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (14 March 2019 @ 4:00pm)
  - A. Motion: Past Chairman Horne; Seconded Treasurer Mlynek; All in Favor. Motion carries
- V. Superintendents Report:
  - A. Outreach Report:
    - Mar 4 Monee Outreach (Erik)
    - Mar 6 Plan to End Homelessness Task Force, CoC @ WCCCC (Kristi)
    - Mar 6 Will County Board, Public Health & Safety Committee
    - Mar 7 Consumer Meeting, Joliet Library (Kristi)

Mar 7 Prairie State College Resource Fair (Amy, Greg)  
 Mar 8 VAC Summit, Cantigny Park, Wheaton IL (All VSOs)  
 Mar 14 VAC Board Meeting  
 Mar 14 MMJ Registration, VAC  
 Mar 14 Senior Citizens Association, St. Joseph Park, Joliet (Kristi)  
 Mar 15 Housing Advocacy Luncheon, Romeoville Rec Center (Kristi)  
 Mar 15 Hospice of Kankakee Valley Presentation (Erik & K3 VAC)  
 Mar 19 Red Cross First Aid Certification @ VAC  
 Mar 19 Community Foundation of Will CO Workshop @ WCCCC (Kristi)  
 Mar 20 WCB Homeless Sub-Committee @ VAC  
 Mar 20 HMIS Committee @ WCCCC (Kristi)  
 Mar 21 End Veteran Homeless Taskforce @ CoC (Kristi, Jack)  
 Mar 21 Peotone American Legion Outreach (Erik)  
 Mar 22 Impact & Investment Orientation w/ UWWC (Kristi)  
 Mar 25 CoC Board of Directors (Kristi)  
 Mar 26 UWWC Board Meeting (Kristi)  
 Mar 27 Pioneer Group, Mokena IL (Kristi & Tom Deegan, HCHV w/ HINES)  
 Mar 28 Directors Meeting @ HINES (Amy & Dan)  
 Mar 29 Vietnam Veteran Event, HINES - NEW  
 Mar 30 Orland Park Military Day (Amy, Dan)  
 Apr 1 Monee Outreach (Erik)  
 Apr 8-9 IACVAC Board, Springfield, IL (Kristi & Jen)  
 Apr 9 WWP Peer Support Group, VAC - NEW  
 Apr 9 Northern Illinois Tier Veteran Conference (Dan & Greg)  
 Apr 10 Bridges Out of Poverty Will Co Steering Committee, (Jen) - NEW  
 Apr 12 Phase 36, Will County Funding Meeting, WCCCC (Kristi)  
 Apr 17 HMIS Committee Meeting, CoC (Kristi)  
 Apr 17 Bolingbrook Outreach (Jen)  
 Apr 18 End Vet Homelessness/By-Name List, CoC (Kristi)  
 Apr 18 Peotone American Legion (Erik)  
 Apr 19 Closed - Good Friday  
 Apr 22 CoC Board Meeting (Kristi)  
 Apr 23 United Way Will County, BOD (Kristi)  
 Apr 24 Governor State University (Greg) - NEW  
 Apr 25 Directors Meeting, HINES (Greg, Kristi)

VSO Report: \$13 Million Federal Benefits to VAC Veterans

B. Assistance Report

a) Reviewed Financial Assistance Vouchers Allotted Feb 2019

1. Gas Bill: 11 (\$707.66)
2. Electric Bill: 15 (\$1,308.14)
3. Water Bill: 8 (\$572.03)
4. Shelter: 27 (\$9,865.00)

b) Motion to accept reports: SGT-At-Arms Koch; Seconded Past Chairman Kestel; All in Favor. Motion carries.

VI. New Business:

A. Superintendent McNichol pulled reports from Measuring Communities Military & Family data base.

a) Showed impact of larger staff and community collaboration for our veterans.

- b) Superintendent McNichol has meeting with IDVA to add another IDVA service officer to VAC office. This will save tax payer dollars and increase overall productivity & veteran satisfaction in Will CO.
- VII. Old Business:
  - A. Veterans Day Ceremony is in planning process for 2019
    - a)Met with Joliet Area Museum
- VIII. For Good of the Commission
  - A. WWP will be using our recreation room monthly.
  - B. Chairman Martinka suggested having a booth or table at Joliet Slammer games.
    - a)Discussed Veteran Softball League.
    - b) Superintendent McNichol will reach out to Slammers for thoughts
- IX. Motion to Adjourn: Past Chairman York; Seconded Past Chairman Kestel; All in Favor. Motion carries.

NEXT MEETING  
4PM  
9 May 2019  
2400 Glenwood Ave, STE 110  
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