



# Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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**12 April 2018**

**Executive Meeting**

**4:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order: Chairman Picciolo at 1607
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Picciolo
  - B. Opening Prayer: Chaplain Singler
- II. Roll Call of Attendees:

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

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
  - a) Sandi Moleski, Legacy Ranch/Equine Assisted Therapy for Veterans, Lockport IL
    - 1. Only equine therapy that will be PATH & EAGALA certified.
    - 2. To apply email: [sandi@thelegacyranch.org](mailto:sandi@thelegacyranch.org)

- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (15 Mar @ 1600)
  - A. Motion: Secretary Williams; Seconded Past Chairman Kestel; All in favor.
- V. Superintendents Report
  - A. Outreach Report:
    - 4/4 Homeless Prevention Task Force
    - 4/6 Will County Health Department
    - 4/7 Veteran Information Forum, Orland Park IL
    - 4/7 Salute2Heros Concert, Benefiting Will, Kankakee, Grundy, LaSalle Counties NPO
    - 4/19 Peotone American Legion Outreach
    - 4/22 Military History Trip, Cantigny Post 367
    - 4/26 Directors Meeting, HINES
      - 1. Mr. Greg Doyle spoke about 4/22 event. There are 20 Tickets left.  
Email [gregdeb0919@att.net](mailto:gregdeb0919@att.net) for reservations
  - B. VSO Report
    - a) VSO E. Papineau VA Award Log: \$9.5Million reoccurring payments each year in VA Benefits.
  - C. Assistance Report
    - a) Reviewed Financial Assistance Vouchers allotted March 2018
      - 1. Gas Bill: 9 (\$672.09)
      - 2. Electric Bill: 22 (\$1,298.63)
      - 3. Water Bill: 7 (\$498.44)
      - 4. Shelter: 27 (\$10,075.27)
  - D. Motion to accept reports:
- VI. New Business:
  - A. May 2 WCCCC Homeless Task Force
  - B. May 8 Volley4Vets, Joliet Central HS
  - C. May 14-18 Research Week @ HINES
  - D. May 16 Female Veteran Event, Plainfield American Legion
  - E. May 17 Peotone American Legion
  - F. May 21 Partnership with Will County SR. Services, Park Town Presentation
  - G. May 24 Directors Meeting, HINES
  - H. May 27 Operation Welcome You Home 5K, Plainfield IL
  - I. May 31 Hines Hospital Day, DuPage County Building
- VII. Old Business:
  - A. Past Chairman Horne requests quote for bulletproof glass & panic button for office.
  - B. Review Financial Assistance Policy & Budget Comp
    - a) Discussion regarding Medicare Deductions
      - 1. Social Security recipients are on a fixed income. Medical deductions from Social Security are mandated. Some veterans on social security could qualify for VACWC Financial Assistance if VACWC allowed Social Security income POST deduction to qualify veterans.
        - a. Motion Past Chairman Horne: For individuals who's social Security is their primary source of income, the VACWC will count the net Social Security payment after the Medicare deduction; Seconded Secretary Williams; All in Favor.
        - b. Motion Passed.
      - b) Discussion regarding Child Support deductions to be continued at next meeting.
- VIII. For the Good Of the Commission:
  - A. Jun 3-9 NACVSO Accreditation/CEU Training, Reno NV

- B. June 27 Abraham Lincoln Memorial Squad Golf Outing
  - C. July 2018 – Partner with Abraham Lincoln Cemetery Open House/Resource Fair
  - D. September 29 - Ruck March, CSM (R) Mark Bowman
- IX. Motion to Enter Executive Closed Session As Per 5ILCS120/2(CH. 102, par. 42)
- A. Secretary Williams amended motion to enter Closed Session to include adjournment of meeting; Past Chairman Horne Seconded; All in favor to enter Closed Session As Per 5ILCS120/2(CH. 102, par. 42)
    - a) Roll call
    - b) Invite legal advisor into meeting
      - 1. Discussion
  - B. Motion to Adjourn
    - a) Past Chairman Horne; Seconded Past Chairman York; All in Favor.

NEXT MEETING  
4PM  
May 10, 2018  
2400 Glenwood Ave, STE 110  
Joliet IL