



# Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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**9 May 2019** **Executive Meeting** **4:00 PM**

I. Call to Order: Chairman Martinka @ 1605

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Opening Prayer: Treasurer Mlynek

II. Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary Williams

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

III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:

- A. Daniel Northrup, Veteran
- B. Mathew Omatto, JR, Elegant Carpet Cleaning. Mr. Omatto would like to get involved with giving back to veterans. Superintendent McNichol will e-introduce to Sr. Services of Will CO.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (11 April 2019 @ 4:00pm)

- A. Motion: Secretary Williams; Seconded, SGT-At-Arms Koch; All in favor. Motion carries.

V. Superintendents Report:

- A. Superintendent McNichol **bolded** what was new/different & what should be paid attention.
- B. Outreach Report:

- 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
- 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)
- Apr 26 Team RWB Joliet/Morris Chapter (Jen/Kristi)

Apr 26 NACVSO BOD, Skype, (Kristi)  
**Apr 27 Veteran Voices, Orland Park (Amy)**  
**Apr 29 CoC Open Meeting, Joliet Library (Kristi)**  
 May 6 Monee Outreach (Erik)  
 May 6 BVA (Greg)  
 May 7 Meals on Wheels Orientation (All Staff)  
 May 8-9 Impact & Investment UWWC Presentations (Kristi)  
**May 10 Eastern Will CO Senior Resource Festival (Amy, Greg)**  
 May 13 CoC Ranking Committee Meeting, WCCCC (Kristi)  
 May 15 HMIS Committee Meeting, CoC/WCCCC (Kristi)  
 May 15 Bolingbrook Outreach, N. Will CSC (Jen)  
 May 16 End Veteran Homelessness/By-Name List, CoC/WCCCC (Kristi)  
 May 16 Peotone American Legion Outreach (Erik)  
 May 20 County Budget Meeting (Kristi, Jen)  
 May 21 UWWC BOD Meeting (Kristi)  
 May 23 HINES VA Directors Meeting (Greg, Kristi)  
 May 27 Memorial Day Event, Joliet Central HS (Dan, Kristi, Jen, Greg)  
 May 28 CoC Board Meeting (Kristi)  
**May 30-June 7 NACVSO Training, Cleveland OH (All VSO)**

- VI. VSO Report: Sr. VSO Papineau reports \$13.6 Million
  - A. 451 Veterans checked into VAC in April
  - B. Assistance Report
    - a)Reviewed Financial Assistance Vouchers Allotted Apr 2019
      1. Gas Bill: 13 (\$855.35)
      2. Electric Bill: 23 (\$1,491.33)
      3. Water Bill: 13 (\$910.01)
      4. Shelter: 27 (\$10,525.00)
  - C. Motion to accept reports: Secretary Williams; Seconded Past Chairman Horne; All in favor. Motion carries.
- VII. New Business:
  - A. WCB Modern Community Solutions Committee
    - a)SGT-At-Arms Koch, also WCB Member, initiated the Modern Community Solutions Committee as a Sub-Committee to the WCB Public Health & Safety Committee.
      1. Goal is to bring more affordable housing options into Will County
        - a. WCB will collaborate with outside service agencies
        - b. Open communications between WCB Land Use Committee & Public Health & Safety Committee.
- VIII. Old Business:
  - A. Veterans Day Ceremony is in planning process for 2019
    - a)Speaker for Veterans Day Ceremony: Natalie Coleman. Air Force Veteran, Joliet native, *Founder After the Peanut*, NPO
- IX. For Good of the Commission:
  - A. Memorial Day Activities
    - a)Each Post has activities
    - b) Joliet Central hosting first Memorial Day event
      1. VSO Daniel Acosta will be guest speaker
  - B. VA Mission Act
    - a)Superintendent McNichol distributed overview packet HINES VAMC sent all VACs.
  - C. SB651
    - a)OAG sponsored bill that does not allow “alternative energy sources” to increase service fees during LiHEAP season.
- X. Motion to Enter Executive Closed Session As Per 5ILCS120/2(CH. 102, par. 4)
  - A. Motion amended by Past Chairman Horne to adjourn directly out of Executive Closes Session.

B. Motion: Secretary Williams; Seconded Member Baskerville; All in favor. Motion carries.

a)All guests required to leave.

C. Roll Call: Secretary Williams

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D. 2020 Budget

a)Overview of total budget

b) Include outside professional services in 2020

E. Review VAC Financial Assistance

a)Discussed VAC FA standards

XI. Motion to Adjourn: Past Chairman Kestel; Seconded Past Chairman Horne; All in Favor. Motion carries.

NEXT MEETING

4PM

13 June 2019

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