Veteran Assistance Commission

of Will County

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| **13 April 2021** | **Commission Meeting** | **7:00 PM** |

**In *accordance* with *Executive Order 2020-18 issued* by *Governor Pritzker*, *meetings will* be *held via videoconference*/*telephonically through* the *ZOOM Meeting platform*. VAC *Will County Board Members will* be *attending meetings remotely* and the *general public* is *strongly encouraged* to *do* the *same. If a member of the public would like to attend the meeting virtually, please send an email to*** [**vacwc@willcountyillinois.com**](mailto:vacwc@willcountyillinois.com) ***and a link will provided.***

1. Call to Order: Jack Picciolo @ 707AM
   1. Pledge of Allegiance
   2. Opening Prayer: Member Mlynek
2. Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary Williams

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| **VAC Commission** | | |
| **Attendee Name** | **Title** | **Status** |
| Jack Picciolo | President | p |
| Nicholas Barry | Vice President | P |
| Denise Williams | Secretary | P |
| Amanda Koch | Sgt-At-Arms | P |
| Jim Singler | Chaplain | A |
| Tom Mlynek | Member | P |
| Janet Blue | Member | P |
| Steve Benicke | Member | A |
| Vic Martinka | Past Chairman | A |
| John York | Past Chairman | A |
| Wayne Horne | Past Chairman | P |

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

Raj Pillai; GWOT Navy Vet, AL13, CPA

Eva Savickas; The Cognitive Clinic, office manager

1. Minutes of Previous Meeting (9 Mar @ 7:00pm)
   1. Motion: Koch, Mlynek; unanimous
2. Superintendents Report:
   1. Financial Assistance Second Qtr 2021; Will Review @ 5/11/2021 Commission Meeting
   2. Award/VSO Productivity:

So far, working back to 2015; since just over $82million; pulling reports for DIC to account veterans who have passed; each VSO is completing/following up on their own veterans, contacting proactively; Papineau advised quarterly improves accounting, accuracy

* 1. Project165 Report Valerie Tawrel

Tawrel advised currently 11 veterans, 4 are families, at Quality Inn; advised when eviction moratorium is lifted, may be inundated; one vet/family was at motel for 18 months, is now in permanent housing; all remaining veterans have housing plans except one;

Motion: Horne, Barry; unanimous

1. New Business
   1. DCEO grant

McNichol advised grant technically expired 12/2020, now extended to 5/1/2021; will use funds

to purchase gym equipment, to be stored at old Joliet office building in the interim

1. Old Business
   1. By-Law Discussion/Review: Atty. Lisa McGlasson

Discussion of Elected Officers/members, quorum, Past Chairman; member Blue advised Past Chairman are elected in the past, not currently; member McGlasson advised if Past Chairman are listed as members, they can fulfill the requirement of the two members needed for quorum; Horne suggested clarification/limitation, last three Past Chairman, formality of voting rights, could become obstructionist; discussion of role of Past Chairman; discussion of maintenance of residency could be added for current Officers; consensus is to leave as is for now, reserve for future discussion; discussion of Superintendent;

Motion to accept the Bylaws: Blue, Barry; unanimous

Member McGlasson will return final edited copy to Exec. Board for reference by 4/16/2021

* 1. CARES Funding Update

McNichol advised will present to/with Will County Land Use next week to expand/add to the $1.5 million; advised hotel project continues;

1. For Good of the Commission/Public Comment

Mylnek-work w/Raj Pillai, request a presentation on JROTC for his post/VAC

Williams – advised 4/23-24 “Watch” at MiddleEast Conflict Wall; Memorial Day ceremony has been cancelled for ALNC, MiddleEast Conflict Wall is having ceremony on Memorial Day; ILMFR is permitted, scheduled for 19; AL13 Riders, AL District 11 motorcycle run 7/17/21; AllenForce motorcycle run 7/24/17

Blue – suggested VAC promoting JROTC in Will County community schools; McGlasson supports, they will be in contact with Raj Pillai

1. Motion to Adjourn: Horne, Blue; Unanimous

**VAC Executive Committee Meeting**

**5/11/2021**

**7AM**

**2400 Glenwood Ave STE 110 Joliet IL 60435**

**VIA Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,

Secretary Williams