



June 13, 2023

Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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Commission Meeting
VFW 5422 Malcolm J Mayo
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6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Opening Prayer

II. ROLL CALL ATTENDEES:

POST	DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
AL 5 Harwood Joliet	D: Joseph Kelley A: Gary Califello			
AL 13 Marne Plainfield	D: Lisa McGlasson A: Raj Pillai			
AL 18 John Olson Lockport	D: Mike Meyers A: Frank DiGiovanni			
AL 52 Romeoville	D: Stephen Benicke A: Steven Daley			
AL 191 Lester Smith Wilmington	D: Ken Watt A: Frank Mlyniec			
AL 392 Peotone	D: Robert Krueger A: Rick Bolanowski			
AL 935 Manhattan	D: Robert Angone A:			
AL 1080 Joliet	D: Tony Arellano A: Ricky Whitley			
AL 1200 Monee	D: Janet Blue A: David Batzek			
AL 1288 Bolingbrook	D: Larry Shaver A: Wayne Macejak			
VFW 367 Cantigny Joliet	D: Jim Clausen A: Lou Smith			
VFW 725 William Martin Mokena	D: James Hogan A: Paul Cravens			
VFW 2199 Stone City Joliet	D: Kevin Pomykala A: Ron Adamski			
VFW 5422 Malcolm J Mayo Wilmington	D: Wally Wink A: Jennifer Piehl			
VFW 5788 Lockport	D: Keith Carberry A: Karen Szykowski			
VFW 5819 Lemont	D: Kenneth Griffin			
VFW 5917 Bolingbrook	D: John Davin A: Gregory Palmer			
VFW 9545 Harry E Anderson New Lenox	D: Clarke Christiansen A: Donald Ibarra			

- III. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND/OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES**
- IV. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING (April 11, 2023)**
- VI. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**
 - A. Award Log
 - B. Financial Assistance
 - C. Office Expenditures
 - D. Motion to File Superintendent's Report
- VII. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Appointment of Officers
 - a. Chaplain
 - i. Motion to Approve
 - b. Secretary
 - i. Motion to Approve
 - B. Oath of Office Swearing-In Ceremony of Commission Members
 - C. New Full Time Position Mental Health Care Provider
 - a. Motion to Approve
 - D. Request for Office Therapy Dog Training Expenditures Reimbursement
 - a. Motion to Approve
 - E. FY2024 Budget
 - a. Motion to Approve
 - F. Nomination of Superintendent Solum for Delegate of Illinois Association of County Veterans Service Officers (IACVAC) to the National Association of County Veterans Service Officers (NACVSO)
 - a. Motion to Approve
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Re-Establish By-Law Review Committee
 - a. Motion to Approve
 - B. Statement of Economic Interest and Open Meetings Act Compliance for Commission Members
 - C. VACWC Policies and Procedures in Accordance with 330 ILCS 45/Military Veterans Assistance Act
- IX. **Executive Closed Session:**
 - A. Motion to enter closed session:
 - a. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)21: Approval of closed Minutes, April 11, 2023
 - b. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)11: Litigation
 - B. Motion to return to open session.
 - C. Motion to approve items discussed during closed session.
- X. **FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION**
 - A. Commission President Updates
 - B. Introduction of New VSOs
 - a. Brandon Peterson
 - b. Keri Wright
 - c. Jeffrey Walsh
 - C. Office Construction Updates
 - D. National Association of County Veteran Service Officers Annual Conference 2023 Recap
 - E. VACWC/Joliet Police Battle Buddy Outreach Picnic September 9th

- F. Women Veterans Conference Sisterhood of Service June 3rd
- G. Recurring Outreach
 - a. Every Tuesday: VSO Georgakopoulos Outreach at Orland Park Vet Center
 - b. Every Thursday: Together We Stand Peer Support Group at VACWC Office Joe Martin
 - c. Second Monday: VSO Papineau Outreach Manhattan American Legion 935 Breakfast
 - d. Every Third Thursday: VSO Papineau Outreach at Peotone American Legion 392
 - e. Every Third Friday: VSO Papineau Outreach at Wilmington VFW 5422
 - f. Every Thursday: Rotating VSOs Outreach at Joliet CBOC
 - g. Every First Monday: VSO Georgakopoulos at Blueberry Hill Café Homer Glen
- H. VACWC Calendar: www.veteransassistancewillco.org
 - a. Jun 30-Jul5: Manhattan Vietnam Memorial Wall
 - b. June 10: Heroes, Hogs, and Hotrods in Manteno
 - c. Aug 23-27: Will County Fair
- I. Upcoming Events to post on VACWC Calendar from the posts

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

**Next Meeting Will Be Held On
September 26, 2023 6:00pm**