



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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April 11, 2023

**Commission Meeting
VFW 367 Cantigny
826 Horseshoe Dr Joliet, 60435**

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	D		
AL 13 Marne Plainfield	D: Lisa McGlasson A: Raj Pillai	D A		
AL 18 John Olson Lockport	D: Mike Meyers A: Frank DiGiovanni		X	
AL 52 Romeoville	D: Stephen Benicke A: Steven Daley		X	
AL 191 Lester Smith Wilmington	D: Ken Watt A: Frank Mlyniec	D		
AL 392 Peotone	D: Robert Krueger A: Rick Bolonowski	D A		
AL 935 Manhattan	D: Robert Angone A: Vacant	D		
AL 1080 Joliet	D: Tony Arellano A: Ricky Whitley	D		
AL 1200 Monee	D: Janet Blue A: David Batzek		X	
AL 1288 Bolingbrook	D: Larry Shaver A: Wayne Macejak	D A		
VFW 367 Cantigny Joliet	D: Jim Clausen A: Lou Smith	D		
VFW 725 William Martin Mokena	D: James Hogan A: Paul Cravens	D A		
VFW 2199 Stone City Joliet	D: Kevin Pomykala A: Ron Adamski		X	
VFW 5422 Malcolm J Mayo Wilmington	D: Wally Wink A: Jennifer Piehl	D		

VFW 5788 Lockport	D: Keith Carberry A: Karen Szykowski	D		
VFW 5819 Lemont	D: Kenneth Griffin A: Vacant		X	
VFW 5917 Bolingbrook	D: John Davin A: Gregory Palmer	D		
VFW 9545 Harry E Anderson New Lenox	D: Clarke Christiansen A: Donald Ibarra	D		
Quorum is met		13	5	

III. ELECTION PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Raj Pillai Nominated by Shaver

Seconded by Christensen

Voice vote unanimous:

IV. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST AND/OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

None

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

A. March 14, 2023

Minutes Accepted with no discussion

VII. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

A. Award Log – Erik Papineau presents report

B. Financial Assistance - Jen Solum presents report

Motion to file

Motion – Shaver

Second – Angone

Voice Vote – unanimous – motion passes

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of Roberts Rules

Pillai refers to handout

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update By-Law Review Committee

Christensen presents bylaw committee report.

Discussion by Christensen, McGlasson, Solum, Kelley RE: Quarterly meetings will be Jun, Sep, Nov, Mar on the 4th Tuesday.

Discussion by Krueger, Davin, Christensen RE: Art. 11, sec 2 regarding 3-day notice for special meeting.

Discussion by Carberry, Christensen - Re: veteran status of delegates

Discussion by Pillai, Christensen, Angone, Shaver, McGlasson, Kelly, Watt, Carberry RE: Judge Advocate as elected officer v appointee and requirement for elected officers from same post

Discussion by Shaver, McGlasson, Christensen RE: appointed v appointed and approved

Motion to accept bylaws pending 4 changes listed

Motion – Christensen

Second – Davin

Discussion by Shaver, Pillai, Christensen regarding flipping articles 7 and 8

- Christensen reads changes as they will be stated in bylaws
 - Art 6, Sec 1: Officers of this commission shall be President, Vice President, and Sgt-at-Arms.
 - Art 8 (previously Art 7) will be called Appointed Positions:
 - Sec 1: The President may appoint, and the Commission may approve a Chaplain, Secretary, and Judge Advocate.
 - Sec 2: In the absence of the duly appointed Secretary, the Superintendent shall appoint one
 - Sec 3: Individuals appointed to these positions need not be commission members to serve
 - Art 10: Board of Appeals
 - Sec 1: Sgt-at-Arms will manage the appeals process in accordance with the VACWC Appeal Process.
 - Art 11: Meetings
 - sec 11: Regular meetings of the commission shall be held on the fourth Tuesday once every quarter with meetings typically falling in March, June, Sep, Nov.

Roll Call Vote: Unanimous approval – Motion carries

B. Elections

- a. President:
 - Shaver Nominates Raj Pillai
 - Pillai approved by Acclimation
- b. Vice President:
 - Shaver Nominates John Davin
 - Davin conditionally accepts pending no other nominations – subsequently withdrawals
 - Pillai Nominates Robert Angone
 - Angone approved by Acclimation.
- c. Sgt-at-Arms:
 - Macejak Nominates Larry Shaver
 - Shaver approved by Acclimation

X. Executive Closed Session

A. Enter closed session:

- a. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)21: Approval of Closed Minutes, February 21, 2023
- b. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)11: Litigation

Motion: Krueger

Second: Davin

Voice Vote: Unanimous: Motion Approved

Return to Open Session

Motion to approve items discussed in closed session:

Item 1: closed session meeting minutes from Feb 21, 2023

Item 2: pursue recovery of funds

Item 3: Appoint a 4 person committee

Voice Vote: Unanimous: Motion Carries

XI. For the good of the Commission

- A. Every Tuesday: VSO Wiza 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
- E. Thursday: VSO Wiza Outreach at Joliet CBOC
- F. Papineau updates online Calendar and future events.
- G. Solum Two VSO's Hired
- H. Davin comments on website for Memorial Wall in Manhattan
- I. Wilmington Memorial Parade May 27
- J. Krueger Memorial Day parade and ceremony in Peotone
- K. Angone: Abe Lincoln Memorial Day

XI. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion: Krueger

Second: Clausen

Voice Vote: Unanimous Approval – Motion Carries

Next Meeting Will Be Held On

June 27, 2023 6:30PM

Wilmington VFW

557 W Baltimore St

Wilmington, IL 60481