



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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March 25th, 2025

Commission Meeting
Cantigny VFW Post 367
826 Horseshoe Dr Joliet

6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Invocation

ROLL CALL ATTENDEES:

POST	DELEGATE/ALTERNATE	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED
AL 13 Plainfield	D: Rick Todd A: Raj Pillai			
AL 18 Lockport	D: Mike Meyers A: Frank DiGiovanni			
AL 43 Naperville	D: Luke Opyd A: Tom Jorstad			
AL 52 Romeoville	D: Steven Daley A: Virgil Oikion			
AL 191 Wilmington	D: Frank Mlyniec A: Thomas Stec			
AL 241 Joliet	D: Michael White A:			
VFW 367 Joliet	D: Jim Clausen A: Dennis Havranek			
AL 392 Peotone	D: Robert Krueger A: Rick Bolanowski			
VFW 725 Mokena	D: Paul Cravens A: James Hogan			
AL 935 Manhattan	D: Robert Angone A: Lisa McGlasson			
AL 1080 Joliet	D: Tony Arellano A: Russ Pesko			
AL 1288 Bolingbrook	D: Larry Shaver A: Wayne Macejak			
AL 1291 Crete	D: Rick Onate A: Larry Black			

AL 1977 New Lenox	D: Mark Razny A: Patrick McLeod			
VFW 2199 Joliet	D: Lawrence Smith A: Kevin Pomykala			
VFW 5422 Wilmington	D: Walter Wink A: Ken Piehl			
VFW 5788 Lockport	D: Mark Bowman A: Dale Jacobs			
VFW 5819 Lemont	D: Ken Griffin A: James Andrulewicz			
VFW 5917 Bolingbrook	D: John Davin A: Gregory Palmer			
VFW 9545 New Lenox	D: Clarke Christiansen			

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND/OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Commission Meeting December 3rd, 2024 (open)

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Team Members
 - a. Update new staff positions
- B. Update NACVSO Leadership Summit Washington D.C. (April 6-10)
- C. Update Veteran Legislative Summit Springfield, IL (March 19th)
- D. Nomination for President of Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions (IACVAC)
- E. FY26 Budget
- F. Extended VACWC Office Hours
- G. VA Claims Award Log
- H. Financial Assistance
- I. Peer Support Recover Specialist Updates
- J. Mental Health Coordinator Updates
- K. Outreach Updates
- L. VetFest 2025

VII. Approval of Superintendent Report

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 1300 Copperfield Building Update
- B. Financial Assistance Policy
- C. Update 2025 Budget Amendment Request for FTEs

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Nominations and Elections

- a. President
 - 1. Nominations
 - 2. Nomination Statements
 - 3. Election Ballot
 - 4. Formal Count/Declaration
- b. Vice-President
 - 1. Nominations
 - 2. Nomination Statements
 - 3. Election Ballot
 - 4. Formal Count/Declaration
- c. Sgt-at-Arms
 - 1. Nominations
 - 2. Nomination Statements
 - 3. Election Ballot
 - 4. Formal Count/Declaration

X. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion to enter closed session :
 - a. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)21: Approval of closed minutes December 3rd, 2024
- B. Motion to return to open session.
- C. Motion to approve items discussed during closed session.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION

- A. Commission President Updates
- B. Judge Advocate Lisa McGlasson VACWC Liaison to EMA

XII. DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN

Next Meeting June 24th, 2025
Location TBD

