



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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October 7th, 2025

**Commission Meeting
American Legion Post 1977
14414 Ford Dr New Lenox 60451**

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 Andrulowicz			
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 June 16th, 2025 (open)

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Team Member & Work Studies
- B. VA Claims Award Log
- C. Financial Assistance
- D. Peer Support Recover Specialist Updates
- E. Mental Health Coordinator Updates
- F. Outreach Updates
- G. VetFest 2025

VII. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 1300 Copperfield Building Update
- B. Financial Assistance Policy
- C. FY26 Budget Update

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Veterans in Partnership Committee
 - a. Motion to approve
- B. FY26 Budget Proposal Amendment Add Additional FTE Security Guard Copperfield Bldg.
 - a. Motion to approve

X. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion to enter closed session :
 - a. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)21: Approval of closed minutes June 16th, 2025
- B. Motion to return to open session.
- C. Motion to approve items discussed during closed session.

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION

- A. Donation of van and tablets from EMA
- B. List of items needed for donation for homeless veterans

XII. DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN