



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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December 9th, 2025

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

6:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER-6:03 pm.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Invocation

ROLL CALL ATTENDEES:

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

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| AL 1288 Bolingbrook | D: Larry Shaver A: Wayne Macejak | D,A | | |
| AL 1291 Crete | D: Rick Onate A: Larry Black | | | X |
| AL 1977 New Lenox | D: Mark Razny A: Patrick McLeod | D, A | | |
| VFW 2199 Joliet | D: Lawrence Smith A: Kevin Pomykala | | X | |
| VFW 5422 Wilmington | D: Walter Wink A: Ken Piehl | | X | |
| VFW 5788 Lockport | D: Mark Bowman A: Dale Jacobs | D, A | | |
| VFW 5819 Lemont | D: Ken Griffin A: James Andrulowicz | | X | |
| VFW 5917 Bolingbrook | D: John Davin A: Gregory Palmer | A | | |
| VFW 9545 New Lenox | D: Clarke Christiansen | D | | |

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND/OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES-None

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA-None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Commission Meeting October 7th, 2025 (open)-Larry Shaver made motion to accept. Motion to approve minutes as is-1st Paul Cravens, 2nd-Robert Angonne

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. VA Claims Award Log
- B. Financial Assistance
- C. Mental Health Coordinator/Peer Support Recovery Specialist Updates
- D. Outreach Updates
- E. Grant Expenditure Updates

VII. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT-President Larry Shaver made motion to approve Superintendent's Report as in-all in favor, none opposed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. 1300 Copperfield Building Update-waiting on update from Dave Tkac-Discussed escalation of allocated funds for VAC buildout. All in favor to escalate, none opposed. Contact atty as needed motion made by Larry. 1st-Mark Razny, 2nd-Clarke Christiansen
- B. Financial Assistance Policy Update-See Gov Report
- C. FY26 Budget Update-Approved by County
- D. Veterans in Partnership-table until March meeting

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2025 Governor's Report
 - a. Motion to accept-Larry Shaver made motion to accept. 1st-Clarke Christiansen, 2nd-Wayne Macejak
- B. Approve transfer funds for FY25 from full-time salary to part-time salary
 - a. Motion to approve-Larry made motion to accept. 1st-Jim Hogan, 2nd-Robert Angonne

X. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

- A. Motion to enter closed session : 1st-Clarke Christiansen, 2nd-Jim Hogan
 - a. 5ILCS 120/2 Sec2(c)21: Approval of closed minutes October 7th, 2025-1st by Paul Cravens, 2nd by Clarke Christiansen
 - b. 5ILCS120/2 Sec2(c)1: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific individuals, Superintendent Review-Motion made 1st by Clarke Christiansen, 2nd by Greg Palmer.
- B. Motion to return to open session. Motion made by Larry. 1st-Clarke Christiansen, 2nd-Paul Cravens
- C. Motion to approve items discussed during closed session.-Motion made by Larry. 1st- Clarke Christiansen 2nd-Paul Cravens

XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION

- A. March 2026 Annual Full Commission Meeting-Election of Officers

XII. DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS-Jan 1, 2026 forms go out, deadline is March 1, 2026

XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN-1st Robert Krueger, 2nd-Clarke Christiansen