



Veterans Assistance Commission of Will County

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Commission Meeting
1300 Copperfield Ave Suite 200
Joliet IL 60432

March 31st, 2026 5:00PM

I. CALL TO ORDER-5pm

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Invocation

ROLL CALL ATTENDEES:

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

AL 1288 Bolingbrook	D: Larry Shaver A: Wayne Macejak	D, A		
AL 1291 Crete	D: Rick Onate A: Larry Black			D, A
VFW 1493 Frankfort	D: Alejandro Gutierrez Jr A: George Forbes	D, A		
AL 1977 New Lenox	D: Mark Razny A: Patrick McLeod	D,A		
VFW 2199 Joliet	D: Kevin Pomykala A: Lawrence Smith	A		
VFW 3873 Naperville	D: Phil Maughan A: George Kramer	D		
VFW 5422 Wilmington	D: Walter Wink A: Ken Piehl		D, A	
VFW 5788 Lockport	D: Mark Bowman A: Dale Jacobs	D, A		
VFW 5819 Lemont	D: Ken Griffin A: James Andrulewicz		D, A	
VFW 5917 Bolingbrook	D: John Davin A: Gregory Palmer	A		
VFW 9545 New Lenox	D: Donald Ibarra A: Thomas Honzik	D, A		

II. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND/OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES- Honzik from VFW 9545, Maughan from VFW 3873, Gutierrez and Forbes from VFW 1493.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING

A. Commission Meeting December 9, 2025 (open)-Motion to approve made by L. Shaver, 1st by Hogan-VFW 725, 2nd by Palmer-VFW 5917-all in favor, no opposed.

VI. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- A. Introduction of New Team Members-New Mental Health Coord, two new VSO's.
- B. VA Claims Award Log
- C. Financial Assistance
- D. Peer Support Recovery Specialist Updates
- E. Outreach Updates

F. Legislative Updates-HB 5085 by Superintendent Solum Overview

VII. APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT REPORT-motion made by L. Shaver, 1st by Hogan-VFW 725, 2nd by Jacobs VFW 5788-all in favor, no opposed.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Veterans in Partnership Committee-Overview from J. Eaton-JPD/VIP

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Amend Commission Meeting Schedule to Every Other Month (March,May,July,Sept,Nov,Jan) a. Motion to Approve made by L. Shaver, 1st by Myers- AL 18, 2nd by Angone-AL 935, All in favor, no opposed. L. Shaver made point of order to amend bylaws to reflect new meeting schedule. 1st-Palmer- VFW 5917, 2nd-Cravens- VFW 725 all in favor/no opposed.

X. Nominations and Elections

a. President

1. Nominations -L. Shaver
nominated by W. Macejak-
unopposed 1st by Macejak-AL
1288, 2nd by Pillai, AL 13
2. Nomination Statements
3. Election Ballot
4. Formal Count/Declaration

b. Vice-President

1. Nominations-M. Razny nominated by P.
McLeod, unopposed 1st by P. McLeod-AL
1977, 2nd by Hogan-VFW 725
2. Nomination Statements
3. Election Ballot
4. Formal Count/Declaration

c. Sgt-at-Arms

1. Nominations-S. Daly by M. White AL 241,
unopposed-1st M. White AL 241, 2nd. M.
Myers AL 18
2. Nomination Statements-Letter from S.
Daley ready by J. Solum
3. Election Ballot
4. Formal Count/Declaration

d. Appointment of Commission

Secretary-Award to Heather thanking
her for her service, Anna Lukasevich to
continue as secretary as appointed by
J. Solum

- XI. FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMISSION**
- XII. DELEGATE ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- XIII. MOTION TO ADJOURN**-made by L. Shaver, 1st by Hogan-725, 2nd by Palmer-5917

Next Meeting 5/26/26 @ VAC