

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: April 11th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:

Jeff Bucholtz	Patti Julius	Dave Mix	Diane Steinert
Joe Busha	Francis Mathe	Jon Plypiv	Kathi Boyette
Lydia Wilz	Bill Christianson	Jim Meinke	Roy Rogers
Alene Helmer	Gail Minks	Tom Snider	
Jim Hoyman	Joe Miller	Dave Steinert	Guest: Cheri Paulson

1. Call To Order:

Jeff Bucholtz called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Jeff Bucholtz led pledge of allegiance and moment of silence

3. Roll Call/Introductions:

Introductions were made: Introductions were made

Guest Speaker's: Cheri Paulson, Little Charlotte's Rescue

Little Charlottes Rescue is a non-profit organization that rescues dogs from high-kill situations in Texas and transports them back to Texas. They started this non-profit because of Cheri's passion for animals and how she noticed the affect these dogs had on her husband, a Marine.

They make sure that the animals are healthy and that their vaccinations are up to date. If the rescue is a puppy, they will work with the veteran to get the dogs spaded or neutered. They will screen the applicants, but will never question the veterans need for the dog. If a veteran is calling Little Charlotte's Rescue, they know that there is a need.

They do allow others to adopt, but that is for a fee. Facebook page Little Charlottes Rescue shows which dogs are available.

This is not to be confused with service animals. Little Charlotte's Rescue has a mission to provide the dog to a veteran at no cost to help eliminate that barrier. There are other options available should the veteran wish to pursue training for their pet.

4. Old Business:

- Military Veterans Museum (MVM): They are looking for volunteers!
- MVM: Still fundraising for the education center.
- MVM: May 4th, 2024 History Re-Enactment Day
- MVM: May 29th, 2024 Golf Outing at Lake Breeze Golf Course

5. New Business and VA Updates:

Jeff detailed the following handouts:

- Jeff touched on the Tri-County Mission: Possible Symposium with numerous of updates.
- Fox Valley Veterans Council is looking for additional Volunteers to assist with their case management. If you are interested in doing this, please contact them via their contact info on their website.
- DAV Chapter 17 is looking for drivers for the transportation program

6. Local Community Updates:

- Shattuck Park in Neenah is starting a project this year to honor all Branches! All Military Branches will be recognized by having their flags presented permanently at the park.
- 40&8 is working with UW-Oshkosh with the Nursing School regarding scholarships
- Update from last month!!! A Monument is being put up for Persian Gulf and Global War on Terrorism (Neenah/Menasha).
- Winnebago County Veterans Services Office is continuing their outreach with Winneconne and started outreach in Omro. We will be alternating sites each month.

7. Upcoming Events:

- Mission: Possible is being hosted May 10th-11th by Calumet, Outagamie, & Winnebago County Veterans Service Office
- Omro Post 234 is having Monday Night BINGO on the 3rd Monday of the month. There is FREE Parking!
- April 15th is Military Child Awareness Day. Purple it up! On April 12th Neenah Auxiliary Unit 33 is planning a special event at the Dome from 4:00-8:00pm to hand out Ribbons in support of this day.
- MVPA-HA is coming to Oshkosh WI. This is their 49th International Convention and is most likely a one time thing for this area. This is a huge event.
- March is Veteran Suicide Awareness Month. 04/20/2024 there will be a 2.2 mile ruck march/walk.
- 04/20/2024 the Omro AL Auxiliary is hosting their annual craft show. Vendor Spots Are Full
- 05/01/2024 Poppy Proclamation signing by Mayor Jane Lang at the Unit 33 Auxiliary Meeting.
- 05/18/2024 Armed Force Day at the Isle of Valor in Menasha
- 05/27/2024 is Neena/Menasha's Memorial Day Parade followed by Lucky Dogz Annual Car Show
- Vietnam Veterans Wall is coming to the Sunny View Expo 10/10-10/13
- 06/01/2024 Marine Corps League 13th Annual Veteran Benefit & Ride
- Brat Fry Season is starting! Support your local organizations by checking out our Event Calendar to see where they are serving their delicious food!
- Pay Attention to the upcoming Poppy/Blossom/Viola/Forget Me Not Drives. This fundraising helps many local veterans in our areas. Dates and Locations are on Winnebago County Veterans Services Office Event Calendar.

Please see our Winnebago County Veterans Service Office Website for more upcoming events

8. Next Meeting Time, Date and Place:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held May 16th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM, at the James Coughlin Building; Meeting Room A. We will have a guest speaker at this meeting: Bill Mulcrone with Helmets to Hard Hats.

Any new information the office has received will be distributed and discussed. Participation in this meeting is encouraged.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Wilz

Deputy Director