

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

**DATE:** April 10th, 2025 @ 9:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** James P Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, WI 54901

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Duane Canon	Patti Julius	Jeremy Otto	David Steinert
	Jon Doemel	Francis Matthe	Tim Paterson	Francis Mathe
	Ron Griffen	Jim Meinke	Jon Plypiv	<b>Guests:</b> Lisa Severson
	Jim Hoyman	Randy Miller	Tom Snider	Kari Tschesh

Winnebago County Veterans Office Staff: Del Volpel, Lydia Wilz, Jon Plato

### **1. Call To Order:**

Del Volpel called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance:**

Jon Plato led the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence for the fallen.

### **3. Roll Call/Introductions:**

Introductions were made.

Guest Speakers:

Jon Doemel came to the meeting to capture all we have done for the veterans community in the last four years: Neenah is out of the basement, Oshkosh is in the Human Services Building, added a position to help the Neenah location work more efficiently...

Lisa and Kari with Advocap:

There are 16 Advocap (Community Action Programs) agencies in Wisconsin that cover all 72 counties. They assess the counties' needs to fill in the gaps or strengthen areas. They rely on local businesses, non-profits, and government agencies to help the individuals in the community.

Volunteer Services: The community has a huge need for transportation drivers. They play an intricate role in getting veterans to their appointments in our area. A lot of the veterans in this area are unable to get to their community care appointments or their Compensation Exam.

Eligibility to be a volunteer:

- 55 or older
- Live in Winnebago County
- Good Driving Record
- Have a valid license
- Pass a background check

### **4. New Business and VA Updates:**

Del detailed the following handouts:

- FVTC Dental Hygiene Clinic. Providing dental hygiene services for a fee of \$30, x-rays, and professional dental cleaning. Help provide dental students the opportunity to learn
- VRAP is funded again, so if there is any veteran who needs assistance with rental assistance, they should apply. This is through WHEDA's website.

#### **5. Local Community Updates:**

- Omro Post 34 Bingo. Free Parking! Doors open at 5:00
- VFW 2126 is looking at replacing its worn bricks at the Isle of Valor. There is also an option of doing plaques now.
- Purple Heart Signs were placed on Highway 21. There will be an unveiling when the weather is better there is better weather.
- American Legion Post 364 is starting a Memorial Brick Project in front of their post. No need to be a Winneconne Resident.
- Sheridan Amusements is giving a veterans discount May 8th-18th. They will be set up in Lucky Dogs.
- Veterans Day Fair: Becoming Independent Through Education & Entrepreneurship. August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

#### **6. Upcoming Events:**

- Omro American Legion is having Bingo on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. FREE PARKING
- Fox Valley Veterans Council is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month at the American Legion in Appleton.
- May 3<sup>rd</sup>, Military History Day and their 50/50 Raffle is kicking off
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: Oshkosh Job Fair is set up at the Sunny View Expo. Companies that are hiring in the area will be set up and ready to discuss future employment.
- May 16<sup>th</sup> the first Glory Honor Flight will be landing at ATW. They will be landing at 9:30 in the evening.
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Post 2126 Armed Forces Day at Isle of Valor, Menasha
- May 17<sup>th</sup> Omro American Legion, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Scramble, 8:00 AM at Lake Breeze Golf Course
- May 28<sup>th</sup> Military Veterans Museum 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament . 9:00 AM at Lake Breeze Golf Course

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

#### **7. Next Meeting Time, Date and Place:**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 9:30 AM, **Room A at the Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, WI, 54901**. Any new information the office has received will be distributed and discussed. Participation in this meeting is encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lydia Wilz*

Deputy Director