

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: December 14, 2023 @ 9:30
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Alene Helmer	Jim Meinke	Tom Snider
	Duane Canon	Dave Mix	Patti Julius	Paul Rhyner
	Francis Mathe	Roy Rogers	Jon Plypiv	Diane Steinert
	David Steinert	Jon Plato	Bill Trombley	Kevin Jurgella

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 not made no guest speaker today:

4. Old Business:

- none

5. New Business and VA Updates:

Jeff detailed the following handouts:

- Kevin's last day is December 15, 2023 he is retiring looking forward to some traveling. You will still see him around at various events as he is very active in the veteran community.
- Neenah office updates: We have approval for a new part time administration person. Additionally we will be moving the Neenah Veterans office back to the 2nd floor in 2024.
- Fox Valley Veterans Council is hosting Veterans Prohibition Ball on March 7th, 2024 in Oshkosh Wisconsin. This is one of their biggest fundraising events. If you know of a business that wants to get involved let them know about it. Plans are still getting finalized. Tickets are now on sale at <https://givebutter.com/fvvc2024ball> More information to follow.
- The calendar year 2024 meeting dates were presented for review.
- Family member of a Veteran at Emerald Ridge Assisted Living is looking for US Flag for an inside display. Dave Mix from VFW Post 2126 took the lead on this issue and will visit the facility.
- Please inform your Post members to be patient with the claims processing at the VA. They are having the same troubles as the rest of the world with hiring quality employees. There is only certain ways to get a claim expedited, Homeless (or about to be), over 85, or terminally ill.

6. Local Community Updates:

- Omro community center, groundbreaking Event was on 12/12 project is being completed with Spirit Funds from the County. Our office will be conducting outreach meetings/event Bi-monthly at the new Omro CC.
- Winnebago County Fair is looking at different Veteran events for Veterans Day at the Fair. They would also like to bring back the Color Guard for all major headlining events.

7. Upcoming Events:

- 03/07/2024 Fox Valley Veterans Council is hosting Veterans Prohibition Ball
- AL Post 70 Bingo every Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- Omro Post 234 is having Monday Night BINGO on the 3rd Monday of the month. There is FREE Parking!
- Military Veterans Museum fifth annual corn hole (Bean bag) tournament, Saturday March 16th 2024

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 January 11th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM, at the James Coughlin Building; Meeting Room A. We will have a guest speaker at this meeting:

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jon Plato