

## WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

**DATE:** December 12th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM  
**LOCATION:** James P Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, WI 54901

**PRESENT:**

Jon Plato	Zak Zuehlsdorf	Francis Mathe	David Steinert
Tom Snider	Rick Underwood	Duane Canon	Diane Steinert
Jim Hoyman	Jim Meinke	Paul Rhyner	Duane Canon
Alene Helmer	Randy Miller	Roy Rogers	Dave Mix
Guest: Renee Kasuboski			

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

Jon Plato 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 as many new faces were in the meeting.

Guest Speaker: Renee Kasuboski with Fox Valley Warrior Aid Alliance Appleton, WI

Renee is an Army Veteran and comes from a family of Veterans.

Fox Valley Warrior Aid Alliance (FVWAA), located in the Fox Valley area is dedicated to empowering and supporting Service Members, Veterans, and First Responders in our community. The mental health challenges faced by these heroes in our local communities and across the nation are profound, and the rates of trauma and loss among them are deeply concerning.

Their mission is to provide Veterans with the essential tools to heal and thrive in the privacy of their own homes. FVWAA is committed to addressing this mental health crisis by retraining and reconditioning minds to overcome these challenges by providing them with tangible tools to complement therapy and counseling as an additional layer of support. We offer our heroes healthy coping mechanisms through our "Warrior Response Tool Kits"

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

Jon detailed the following handouts:

- Fox Valley Warrior Aid Alliance – Goal is to provide essential tools to help service members, Veterans and first responders
- ADRC - Offering Holiday meals and assistance at:
  - Fathers Carr's Place 2 Be
  - Salvation Army
  - St Paul Lutheran Church

- Beaming Equine-Assisted Services – Riding services for Veterans suffering from dementia, TBI or Parkinson's Disease.
- Innovation Accelerator Program for Veterans Fox Valley Technical College – Program designed to help Veterans be successful in launching and growing their own business.
- Veterans Voice – Winnebago County Department of Veterans Services Newsletter December 2024

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

- Menasha Job Center - Veteran Resource Fair in Waushara County along with a job fair.
- King Veterans Home – Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Omro Post 34 Bingo pot is up to \$1500 free parking as always
- Fox Valley Council – As of this year, they have supported 51 Veterans, totaling \$64,345.56
- CVS0 Act has passed, more information to follow from Tom Snider

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

- American Legion Post 234 - Omro is having Monday Night BINGO on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month. There is FREE Parking!!

**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 January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 9:30 AM, at James P. Coughlin Building.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Zak Zuehlsdorf*