

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: February 13th, 2025 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: 220 Washington Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54901

PRESENT:	Richard Daeske	Marissa Meilke	Diane Steinert	Del Volpel
	Paul Fluette	Jon Plypiv	Paul Rhyner	Jon Plato
	Ron Griffen	Jim Meinke	Roy Rogers	Guests:
	Jim Meinke	David Steinert		

1. Call To Order:

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Del Volpel 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: Jenniffer Maertz and Stonna Schulke with Home Instead

The goal of Home Instead is to keep everyone living independently in their own homes. They assist with personal care, transportation, medication reminders and management, meal preparation, laundry, and light housekeeping, among other things.

Home Instead helps ease the burden of the caregiver to prevent caregiver burnout. They are credentialed to serve our veterans throughout Wisconsin. If you are enrolled in VA Health Care, this could be an option for in-home care as they are part of the Community Care Network.

Age is not a factor, they look at the medical of the individual: instabilities with comorbidities, requiring transportation, living in a home with stairs, rugs, or clutter...their goal is to be the solution to all of these problems.

4. New Business and VA Updates:

Del detailed the following handouts:

- 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.
- Journey to Light is opening up to applications as they will cover a veteran's stay for 09/23-09/26.
- Fox Valley Job Center is hosting a free event to help with Interviews. They will be hosting Mock Interviews on 02/18/2025 from 1:00-3:00
- Marine Corps Spaghetti Dinner is this Saturday 02/15/2025 cost is \$10 per person \$5 for veterans.
- Service Member Suicide Summit is 03/06/2025 at 9:00 am. This is an event through the Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs. This event will focus on prevention and postvention.

- Winnebago County Fair! We are looking to get your input as to what you would like to have at your local fair!

5. Local Community Updates:

- Omro Post 34 Bingo pot is up to \$1500. Free Parking! Doors open at 5:00
- DAV is involved with the HERD concessions. Doing this is bringing awareness to the DAV and how they assist veterans.
- VFW 2126 is looking at replacing their worn bricks at the Isle of Valor. There is also an option of doing plaques now too.
- Purple Heart Signs were placed on Highway 21. There will be an unveiling when the weather is better there is better weather.

6. Upcoming Events:

- Amvets brought up some of the changes that are happening for spouses to be buried at a State Cemetery. They are looking into doing a letter campaign.
- Omro American Legion is having Bingo on the 3rd Monday of the month. FREE PARKING
- American Legion Auxiliary is 03/02/2025 at Fox Lanes.
- Wisconsin DAV, American Legion, and VFW is hosting their annual Veterans Day at the Capitol. This allows veterans to go and talk to their local legislators regarding any concerns they have regarding veterans and their families.
- Fox Valley Veterans Council is the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at the American Legion in Appleton.

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 March 13th, 2025, at 9:30 AM in , 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