

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: February 8th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Jon Plato	Ron Griffin	Dave Steinert
	Duane Canon	Jon Pylypiv	Diane Steinert	Patti Julius
	Alene Helmer	Marissa Mielke	Richard Rettler	Paul Rhyner
	Jim Hoyman	Randy Miller	Roy Rogers	Jim Meinke
	Tom Snider	Bill Christianson	Guest: Edwin Parker	

1. Call To Order:

Jeff Bucholtz called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Jeff Bucholtz led pledge of allegiance and moment of silence

3. Roll Call/Introductions:

Introductions were made: many new faces in the meeting so we took the time to introduce ourselves.

Guest Speaker's: Edwin Parker with Center for Veterans Issues

- Focus is Suicide prevention
- Eligibility is served in the active military discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. be found a risk of suicide using the Columbia-suicide severity rating scale (C-SSRS). This program is also available to Families of the Veteran as long as the Veteran is enrolled and engaged.
- Mental Health issues can be from before service.
- Services offered: needs assessment, individualized service plan, connection to Services both VA and none VA, referrals to community resources, emergent needs assistance.

4. Old Business:

- Military Veterans Museum: They are looking for volunteers!
- Still fundraising for the education center.

5. New Business and VA Updates:

Jeff detailed the following handouts:

- Winnebago County Veterans Services Office is continuing their outreach with Winneconne and in started Omro.
- 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
- FVVC 4th Thursday of the month. American Legion Post 38 in Appleton at 6:00pm.
- Fox Valley Veterans Council is hosting Veterans Prohibition Ball on March 7th, 2024 in Oshkosh Wisconsin. This is one of their biggest fundraising events.

6. Local Community Updates:

- 40&8 and VFW Post 2126 is preparing for their flag initiative. They will begin going into schools starting in March to explain what the flag means. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, please contact one of these posts.

7. Upcoming Events:

- 03/09/2024 DAV is hosting a Veterans Information Seminar. This will take place at the Oshkosh Marine Corps League from 12:30-5:00.
- 03/07/2024 Fox Valley Veterans Council is hosting Veterans Prohibition Ball
- Omro Post 234 is having Monday Night BINGO on the 3rd Monday of the month. There is FREE Parking!

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 March 14th, 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,

Jonathan Plato