

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

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

PRESENT:

Duane Canon	Patty Julius	Tim Paterson	Del Volpel
Paul Fluette	Kevin Jurgella	Paul Rhyner	Lydia Wilz
Ron Griffen	Jim Meinke	Roy Rogers	Marissa Meilke
Alene Helmer	Gail Minks	David Steinert	Jon Plypiv

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: No Guest Speaker, but the new County Veterans Service Officer was introduced; Del Volpel

4. New Business and VA Updates:

Jon detailed the following handouts:

- Winnebago County Fair! We are looking to get your input as to what you would like to have at your local fair!
- Dial a Ride is now available in the Neenah/Menasha area. Since Catch a Ride has gone away due to lack of funding, Dial a Ride is could be a solution.
- 2025 Mini Job Fairs Handout was discussed.
- UW Extension is holding an Entrepreneurship Class. If anyone is interested, they should sign up.
- GI Bill updates were discussed. There is an extension of 12 months being added to certain Service Members
- Marissa Mielke touched on the 2024 Report that just came out on VA Suicide numbers. The numbers are two years behind (this is normal). The numbers are on a downward trend.

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:

- Memorial Day will be at Lucky Dogz again in Neenah for American Legion Post 33.
- Shattuck Park is looking to set up a ceremony for their Flag Memorial. The tentative date is June 15, 2025.
- 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 February 13th, 2025, at 9:30 AM in **Room 033 at 220 Washington Ave, 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