

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: July 11th , 2024 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Ron Griffin	Kyle Kapocus	Dave Mix
	Lisa Brandt	Alene Helmer	Francis Mathe	Lori Palmeri
	Duane Canon	John Hoefft	Jim Meinke	Jon Plypiv
	Eric Estel	John Hoefft II	Randy Miller	Tom Snider
	Jill Fritsch	Patti Julius	Joe Miller	Lydia Wilz

GUEST: Daryl Duchatschek

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 held for Michael Dart; a very active member with the Neenah American Legion.

3. Roll Call/Introductions:

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

Guest Speaker's: Daryl Duchatschek with Everlasting Memories.

Everlasting memories is a business that works with veterans to get their stories put on video so that they can share their story forever. This is a tribute to them, making a lasting impression on the lives of everyone.

Everlasting memories will set up a time to interview the veteran, then piece it together to make it a work of art. They will not charge the veteran until they are happy with the end result.

They will put the video on USB, DVD, or any other device the veteran likes.

Contact Daryl at 920-410-4379 or email him at Everlastingmemories@gmail.com

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:

- Vet Venter was present letting everyone know that they are starting their sessions in Oshkosh again. They will have group counseling and they will also be setting up individual times again.
- 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.
- FVVC 4th Thursday of the month. American Legion Post 38 in Appleton at 6:00pm.
- Winnebago County Veterans Office is fully staffed and they introduced Lisa Brandt to the Commanders so that they know who is the new administrative assistant in the Neenah Location.

6. Local Community Updates:

- 40&8 and VFW Post 2126 have been busy visiting the schools to educate students on the American Flag.

- DAV Chapter 17 has been working with the inmates at the Correctional Facility with providing them volunteer services, they are reaching out the Warming Shelter to fulfill some volunteer needs, and they are getting involved with the Outpost (Oshkosh Public Media).
- DWD is hosting an Apprenticeship via Hire Heroes. This is a 10 week course that assists veterans with gaining industry credentials. At the end of this event there will be employers ready to hire.

7. Upcoming Events:

- 07/11/2024 One time non-partisan event. League of Women Voters Panel
- 07/15/2024 Mini Job Fair at Fox Cities Job Center
- 07/16/2024-07/18/2024 VFW Post 2126 Brat Fry at Piggly Wiggly Menasha
- 07/18/2024 Kimberly Paperfest: proceeds to Fox Valley Veterans Council
- 07/26/2024 Old Glory Honor Flight to take off out of EAA
- **07/30/2024-08/04/2024 Winnebago County Fair**
- 08/10/2024 ADRC is hosting a Wheelchair Wash: door prizes, food, and entertainment!
- 09/07/2024 CVM Veteran Suicide Awareness Ride
- 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 August 8th, 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,

Lydia Wilz