

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: November 2nd , 2023 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Alene Helmer	Jim Meinke	Tom Snider
	Duane Canon	Jim Hoyman	Dave Mix	Rick Underwood
	John Chevalier	Patti Julius	Paul Rhyner	Lydia Wilz
	Dustin Hackbarth	Francis Mathe	Roy Rogers	Guest: Jon Plypiv

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.

3. Roll Call/Introductions:

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

Guest Speaker's: Jon Plypiv with Fox Valley Veterans Council

Operation Dental Care is for residents in Winnebago, Outagamie, and Calumet County (Tri-County Dental). They are a nonprofit organization that provides dental care for low income individuals (not just veterans). But, this is another option for veterans who do not qualify for VA Health Care Dental.

If you are a veteran you are eligible if:

- You are a Military Veteran, Spouse of a veteran, or Dependent of a veteran.
- Must provide a DD 214
- Have a discharge for anything other than OTH
- Income must not exceed 400% of the poverty income level

You are able to go up to 4 times a year through FVVC. Tri County will bill FVVC the co-pays so that there is no out of pocket cost to the veteran or veteran's dependent.

To apply for this program go to Fox Valley Veterans Council's website and apply via their emergent assistance and in the remarks simply put "Tri-County Dental." If you are unable to apply online, call FVVC and they will be able to help you apply.

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:

- Jeff discussed various Dental Programs that are offered through VA Health Care: Delta Dental and MetLife. You are only eligible for this as long as you are enrolled in VA Health Care. These plans do have out of pocket costs so you must look at each plan and decide if the plans are worth it. Also, if a surviving spouse has CHAMPVA they qualify for Delta Dental and MetLife as well.

- Jeff addressed the PACT ACT and how Hypertension is being reviewed with regard to how it is rated. We understand that 0% does not seem fair. The VA is hearing the veterans voices and they are looking at restructuring the rating schedule. We do not have an idea as to when this may come into effect, but we want to let you know that you are being heard by the VA.
- 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.
- Fox Valley Veterans Council is hosting Veterans Prohibition Ball on March 7th, 2024 in Oshkosh Wisconsin. This is one of their biggest fundraising events. If you know of a business that wants to get involved let them know about it. Plans are still getting finalized. More information to come.
- Wisconsin Ordinance Works is looking for employment. They are veteran owned and are encouraging Veterans to apply.

6. Local Community Updates:

- VFW 2126 donated \$1,100.00 to Winnebago CVSO to assist Veterans and their families with Thanksgiving. They will be ramping up assistance for Christmas.
- 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:

- 11/09/2023 Oshkosh North High School is having there ceremony at 9:00 am If interested in having lunch, RSVP to Sue Leib at 920-379-7458.
- 11/10/2023 Neenah High School is hosting a ceremony at 8:30 at their new facility.
- 11/11/2023 Post 70 is hosting the Patriotic Council Veterans Day Ceremony and will host a dinner at 6:00pm.
- 11/11/2023 the Purple Heart is presenting a Purple Heart to a widow whose husband earned this honor, but did not receive while he was alive. Roy Rogers will be hosting the prayer.
- 03/07/2024 Fox Valley Veterans Council is hosting Veterans Prohibition Ball
- AL Post 70 Bingo every Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- 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 December 14th, 2023 @ 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