

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: November 14th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: James P Coughlin Center, Oshkosh, WI 54901

PRESENT:

Duane Canon	Francis Mathe	Jon Plato	David Steinert
Ron Griffin	Marissa Mielke	Jon Pylypiv	Lydia Wilz
John Hoeft	Joe Miller	Paul Rhyner	Guest: Bob Peoschel
John Hoeft II	Randy Miller	Roy Rogers	
Patti Julius	Dave Mix	Tom Snider	

1. Call To Order:

Lydia Wilz 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: Robert Poeschl with National Alliance Mental Illness (Nami) Oshkosh

Bob is a lifelong resident of Oshkosh. He is now the Director of Nami Oshkosh and has an initiative to connect veterans with their services.

Nami was invented in WI as part of a Grass Roots Movement. It was invented by parents to assist with Mental Health Awareness in the 1970's.

They assist with homelessness; attempting to find the underlying issue and help with the healing process. They also assist with substance abuse and provide support groups for individuals struggling with this. Not only do they provide assistance to the individual, but they provide Education and Mental Health First Aid Training to Family Members, Police Departments, and the Public, in order to help bring awareness to those involved.

Nami provides Family Support Groups the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month from 11:00-4:00. They also provide Peer Support Groups on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month.

4. New Business and VA Updates:

Lydia detailed the following handouts:

- Legal Aid - Offering classes for renters so that tenants understand their rights.
- Entrepreneurship classes are being offered through Advocap! Contact Elisabeth.stockton@advocap.org

- Career Excelerate is offering future classes! Check out of Fox Valley Technical College for more details.
- Fox Valley Warrior Aid Alliance is looking to empower service members, veterans and first responders who struggle with mental health. They have packets they have put together as a Tool Kit! www.foxvalleywarrioraidalliance.com .
- Fox Valley Men's Grief Support Meeting – First Wednesday of each month at Moments Hospice Office Appleton, WI
- Veterans Voice – Winnebago County Department of Veterans Services Newsletter October 2024

5. Local Community Updates:

- Sons of American Legion is up 218%. This is huge accomplishment and one of the fastest growing organizations.
- DAV is looking for volunteer drivers. They will go to the home if within 20 miles. This is only if the appointment is in Appleton or Green Bay.
- Military Veterans Museum is still in full swing with their Sportsman's Raffle.
- Marissa, from the VA, brough pamphlets on the Compact Act. This is a service that the VA provides for anyone who served who is struggling with suicide; even with an Other Than Honorable.

6. Upcoming Events:

- AMVETS is hosting Pearl Harbor Remembrance on Dec. 7th, 2024. The ceremony will begin at 7:55
- American Legion Post 70 will be hosting their Childrens Christmas Party on December 8th, 2024 from 1:00-3:00
- American Legion Post 234 - Omro 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

7. Next Meeting Time, Date and Place:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held December 12th, 2024 @ 9:30 AM, at James P. Coughlin Building.

Any new information the office has received will be distributed and discussed. Participation in this meeting is encouraged.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lydia Wilz