

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: August 10th, 2023 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Jim Hoyman	Dave Mix	Tom Snider
	Duane Cannon	Patti Julius	Dale Pommerening	David Steinert
	Michael Dart	Francis Mathe	Kim Raddoell	Dane Steinert
	Richard Flirt	Jim Meinke	Paul Rhyner	Lydia Wilz
	Paul Fluette	Marissa Mielke	Roy Rogers	Guest: Geoff Mongiat

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 not made:

Guest Speaker's: Geoff Mongiat coordinator with The Department of Veterans Affairs

My HealtheVet

My Health E Vet is the VA's version of "my chart."

Myhealth.va.gov will eventually transition to va.gov, and will sooner or later be available via mobile app. Right now it is only web based with certain aspects of the website being available on the VA's app.

My HealtheVet assists veterans with:

Pharmacy benefits

Schedule Appointments

***Secure Messaging. There is a three business day expectation for your health team to get back to you.

***Health Records

There is a basic account and a premium account. *** means you can only use this function if you have a premium account.

You have to be given permissions to get a premium account. You can gain access to premium by bringing your ID to your regional clinic or there is the option of doing it over video call; you still need your ID.

1-877-327-0022

TRAVEL PAY

eaauth.va.gov is where you can find the travel pay claim button. It's still difficult to navigate, but if you are persistent, you will gain access to the travel pay reimbursement feature. Otherwise, you can request a paper form from our office to mail into Zablocki.

4. Old Business:

- Military Veterans Museum: They are looking for volunteers!
- Still fundraising for the education center.
- Just a reminder that due to the PACT ACT Health Care had a 5 year window for veterans who came home from deployment. If that window was missed, they base eligibility for VA Health Care off of income. The PACT ACT opened up this window BRIEFLY!!!

This window closes October 2023. **PLEASE SPREAD THIS WITH YOUR POST!!!!**

5. New Business:

Roundtable of events:

- Beaming has some open times for their Horses, Hearts and Heroes Program
- Pulling for Honor 2023. They are still looking for Teams! This takes place Saturday September 16th, 2023.
- Wednesday Day Games SILVER FOX DEALS or ACTIVE MILITARY, or VETERANS qualify for this deal.

6. VA Updates and Local Community Updates:

Jeff detailed the following handouts:

- Milwaukee Brewers has announced that they are continuing their Military Sundays. Any active duty military member or veteran can receive two free Terrace Level tickets by showing their military ID or proof of veteran status.
- Everyday Tech Classes are being hosted at the Oshkosh Library. These are free classes to help individuals understand basic technology. The VA is going more towards the technology trend, so these classes may be helpful.
- Omro Post 234 is having Monday Night BINGO on the 3rd Monday of the month. There is FREE Parking!
- Dates of the Old Glory Flight: 10/18/2023. **Pulling for Honor is on 09/16/2023.**
- CVSO Act is back to square one. Please have your family and friends reach out to their local Senator on that committee to express their interest in seeing this get passed.

7. Upcoming Events:

- VFW 2126 Food Drive is Sept 7th and 8th MORE TO COME
- AL Post 70 Bingo every Wednesday at 6:00pm.
- POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at South Park War Memorial September 16th, 2023 @ 1:00pm

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 September 14, 2023 @ 9:30 AM, at the James Coughlin Building; Meeting Room A. We will have a few guest speaker at this meeting:

- **Center for Veteran Issues (CVSI)**
Kent Qualls

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