

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: July 13th, 2023 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

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| PRESENT: | Kathie Boyette | David Felton | Joe Miller | Tom Snider | Guests: |
| | Jeff Bucholtz | Jim Hoyman | Dave Mix | David Steinert | Alene Helmer |
| | Don Carper | Patti Julius | Jon Pylypiv | Dane Steinert | Tony Glugla |
| | Myron Dimmett | Kel Klemm | Paul Rhyner | Bill Trombley | Richard Brown |
| | Michael Dart | Francis Mathe | Roy Rogers | Lydia Wilz | |
| | Richard Daseke | Marissa Mielke | | | |

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:

Guest Speaker's: Alene Helmer, Tony Glugla, Richard Brown Jr.

Department of Workforce Development:

Help Veterans that have significant barriers to employment whether that is due to housing, needing access to clinics and/or counseling. If a veteran comes to your post and is down on their luck, please refer them to the DWD as they would like to see how they can assist.

Alene works with the employers to see what they are looking for with regards to employment. Tony and Richard work with the veterans themselves to get them into their career. They work with job services, Voc Rehab, Title one dislocated worker (adult and youth), and the WISE Program (55 and older retraining program).

As mentioned, Richard and Tony work with veterans to not just get a job, but to get career. They are striving to help veterans succeed, and will follow them until they are confident they are succeeding. Their goal is to help veterans transition into the civilian working world.

There are multiple ways of helping veterans via DWD. They will find ways to help veterans get retrained if this is the barrier.

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
- Winnebago County Fair is coming up. Veteran's Day is Friday August 4th, 2023.

- 17th Annual King Run is taking place Saturday July 29th, 2023.
- Pulling for Honor 2023. They are still looking for Teams! This takes place Saturday September 16th, 2023.
- The VA has a special notice out for American Indian and Alaska Native Americans. As of April 4th, 2023, if eligible, the VA will waive the co-pays. The application is fairly simple, but call our office if you need some assistance.
- 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.
- EAA will have a Glory Honor Flight on July 28th, 2023.
- 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: 07/28/2023 & 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:

- August 12th the Sons of American Legion will be putting on a Car and Bike Show. More to follow.
- VFW 2126 Twisted Piston is August 17th MORE TO COME
- August 19th, 2023, Serves for Suicide, honoring Ausitn Millard. They are hosting a volleyball tournament where all proceeds will be going to HOOAH.
- VFW 2126 Food Drive is Sept 7th and 8th MORE TO COME
- AL Post 70 Bingo every Wednesday at 6:00pm.

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 August 10th, 2023 @ 9:30 AM, at the James Coughlin Building; Meeting Room A. We will have a few guest speaker at this meeting:

- My HealtheVet
Geoff Mongiat

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