

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: March 9, 2023 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Jon Plato	Tom Snider	Roy Rogers
	Duane Canon	Dave Mix	Francis Mathe	Ron Griffin
	Diane Steinert	David Steinert	Don Carper	Joe Miller
	Tim Cody	Guests Ben Gucinski		

1. Call To Order:

Jeff Bucholtz called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance:

Jeff Bucholtz led pledge of allegiance and moment of silence.

3. Roll Call/Introductions:

Roundtable introductions were made

Guest Speaker: Ben Gucinski: Wells Fargo Home Mortgage

VA home loans how they are different with Wells Fargo from other financial institutions,

- \$1300 of closing costs are paid by Wells Fargo.
- Only Mortgage company that has a union specific program. Union Grant is about \$1000 on top of the Veteran benefits.
- VA Funding fee is getting reduced May 1st 2023 (service connected Disability is exempt)
- VA will never call you about lowering your interest rate

4. Old Business:

None

5. New Business:

Roundtable of events:

2023 Meetings will be hosted at the same time: 9:30 am on the second Thursday of the month.

6. VA Updates and Local Community Updates:

Jeff detailed the following handouts:

- Omro Post 234 is having Monday Night BINGO on the 3rd Monday of the month. There is FREE Parking!
- Toxic Exposure Town Hall Meeting in 29 April 2023 12:00pm. Run by Appleton chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America
- Military Veterans Museum started their 52 Week Sportsman's Raffle. On 03/18/2023 they are hosting their 4th Annual Corn Hole Tournament! All proceeds benefit the MVM and Education Center. Open house date 06 May 2023 10:00am to 3:00pm
- Dates of the Old Glory Flight: 04/19/2023, 06/07/2023, 07/28/2023 & 10/18/2023.
- American Legion post 33 Car show on 29 May 2023
- DAV Operation Cabin Fever III, 25 March 2023 5:00pm to 10:00pm
- Emergency Suicided care and treatment Veterans discharged with under a condition that is other than dishonorable that served 24 months or 100 days under combat exclusion or in support in contingency operation can go to any emergency room. The need to admissions staff know they are a Veteran and the VA will pay the bill. Even if they are not on VA health care.
- UWO Corn Hole Tournament 24 March 2023 4:30pm

- Veterans that where stations or made port of call at Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, Guam, American Samoa, and Johnston Atoll our office would like to talk to them, because of the next Pact act Legislation.

7. Upcoming Events:

- FVVC next meeting is 16 March 2023 Grand meridian Appleton. They are looking for more support from Winnebago county community
- DAV Operation Cabin Fever III, 25 March 2023 5:00pm to 10:00pm
- Veteran Village June 8th Gulf outing, they are looking for more donations. At Ridge way gulf course 9:00am
- Please check with your local post as to where their events will be or check it out at our Winnebago County Website!

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 April 13th, 2023 @ 9:30 AM, at the James Coughlin Building; Meeting Room A. We will have a few guest speaker at this meeting:

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

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jon Plato