

WINNEBAGO COUNTY COUNCIL OF VETERAN ORGANIZATIONS

DATE: May 11th, 2023 @ 9:30 AM
LOCATION: J.P. Coughlin Building

PRESENT:	Jeff Bucholtz	Francis Mathe	Paul Rhyner	Bill Trombley
	Duane Canon	Marissa Mielke	Roy Rogers	Lydia Wilz
	Richard Daseke	Joe Miller	Tom Snider	
	Ron Griffen	Dave Mix	David Steinert	Guests: Jason Turner
	Patti Julius	Jon Pylypiv	Tom Snider	Max Wesenberg,

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 skipped:

Guest Speaker's:

Maxwell Wesenberg, DPT discussed his specialty and how he works with a special device to ease pain: Chemotherapy Induced Peripheral Neuropathy, Diabetic Neuropathy, Phantom Limb Pain, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome. His goal is to get individuals off of nerve pain medication so they can begin living life pain free.

This is considered investigational so please reach out to Max to discuss what insurance will cover and to work out an interest free payment plan; he is flexible and will work with you.

Jason Turner Director of Salute the Troops:

Recently started serving Winnebago County. They are actively finding ways to improve the life of veterans. They assist with Musky Fishing Trips, have a Veterans Thrive Garden, are involved with escorting Purple Heart Veterans to EAA every year, assist with gas and grocery cards for emergency assistance, and so much more. They also have a program called the Veterpreneur Project.

Veterepreneur Project is one of their programs that is a Small Business Accelerated Program. If you are a veteran who owns a small business or wants to own a business, this program is for you. This is a seven week course hosted by "The Venture Project," focused on instructing, consulting, and mentoring veterans with their small business. At the end of the course they do a pitch contest for a chance to win \$5000. They invite investors from around the community to provide an opportunity for additional funding.

4. Old Business:

- Military Veterans Museum: They are looking for volunteers!
- 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:

*****THE MEETING IN JUNE WILL BE SKIPPED*****

6. VA Updates and Local Community Updates:

Jeff detailed the following handouts:

- Vets and Friends have moved locations and adjusted their meal hours. **PLEASE HELP SPREAD THE WORD!**
- 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.
- Armed Forces Day is May 20th, 2023 at Isle of Valor. Ceremony starts at 11:00am
- Winnebago County Veterans Service Office has all of the Counties Memorial Day Events on the event page.
- Memorial Day Open House on May 28th, 2023. This is an opportunity to discuss questions you may have with home purchasing/selling. There will also be a representative from Winnebago CVSO to answer any questions you may have on benefits. Food and beverages provided.
- Samaritans Purse has a program called Operation Heal Our Patriots. This program sends married couples who has a spouse coping with an injury on a biblically based retreat in Alaska.
- Center for Veterans Issues (CVI) is a case management facility that will work with veterans to help them get back on their feet. They have a spectrum of programs to better their lives.
- 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.
- Masks are now optional at the VA
- Ron La Pointe recently published a new book: *Oshkosh Veterans of Foreign War*. If you are interested in purchasing this book it will be available locally at the following locations: Blue Moon Café, Camera Casino, Carmel Crisp, Jerry's Bar, Park N Print, Planet Perk, Oshkosh Military Veteran's Museum, and 2 Blondes on Main Street. You can also find the book on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.
- FAMILY GAME NIGHT! This will begin in January and go through August. Every 4th Thursday of the month, the Marine Corps League will open their doors for this event, with the help of the DAV.
- 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: 06/07/2023, 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:

- Omro Post is having their Annual Golf Outing on May 20th, 2023
- Omro Auxiliary is having their Craft Sale May 13th, 2023
- May 19th, Oshkosh North High School is hosting a flag pole dedication and brick laying for all alumni at 1:30pm.
- Memorial Day Service starts May 25th, 2023 @ Lakeview Memorial Park in the Chapel at 6:00pm
- Unit 33 Neenah Auxiliary Post is having their Poppy Distribution on May 26th & 27th. They also are having a Bake Sale at Lucky Dogz Car Show.
- Neenah American Legion Memorial Day Car Show May 29th, 2023
- Memorial Day Procession for Oshkosh, starts at 9:00am on May 29th, 2023

- June 4th Old Glory Honor is offering a Bus Trip to Crivitz to see the Traveling Wall. The bus leaves at 10:30, lunch is provided, and will be home 8:00pm. Contact Diane if you are interested.
- July 9th: Omro American Legion Post is hosting their Sheepshead Fishery
- July 4th: Oshkosh is hosting their 4th of July Parade. The theme this year is American Pride.
- August 12th the Sons of American Legion will be putting on a Car and Bike Show. More to follow.

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

- Department of Work Force Development
Introductions and updates

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