



Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

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13 April 2021 Commission Meeting 7:00 PM

In accordance with Executive Order 2020-18 issued by Governor Pritzker, meetings will be held via videoconference/telephonically through the ZOOM Meeting platform. VAC Will County Board Members will be attending meetings remotely and the general public is strongly encouraged to do the same. If a member of the public would like to attend the meeting virtually, please send an email to vacwc@willcountyillinois.com and a link will provided.

- I. Call to Order: Jack Picciolo @ 707AM
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Opening Prayer: Member Mlynek
- II. Roll Call of Attendees: Secretary Williams

VAC Commission		
Attendee Name	Title	Status
Jack Picciolo	President	p
Nicholas Barry	Vice President	P
Denise Williams	Secretary	P
Amanda Koch	Sgt-At-Arms	P
Jim Singler	Chaplain	A
Tom Mlynek	Member	P
Janet Blue	Member	P
Steve Benicke	Member	A
Vic Martinka	Past Chairman	A
John York	Past Chairman	A
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	P

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
 - Raj Pillai; GWOT Navy Vet, AL13, CPA
 - Eva Savickas; The Cognitive Clinic, office manager
- IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting (9 Mar @ 7:00pm)
 - A. Motion: Koch, Mlynek; unanimous
- V. Superintendents Report:
 - A. Financial Assistance Second Qtr 2021; Will Review @ 5/11/2021 Commission Meeting
 - B. Award/VSO Productivity:
 - So far, working back to 2015; since just over \$82million; pulling reports for DIC to account veterans who have passed; each VSO is completing/following up on their own veterans, contacting proactively; Papineau advised quarterly improves accounting, accuracy
 - C. Project165 Report Valerie Tawrel

Tawrel advised currently 11 veterans, 4 are families, at Quality Inn; advised when eviction moratorium is lifted, may be inundated; one vet/family was at motel for 18 months, is now in permanent housing; all remaining veterans have housing plans except one;

Motion: Horne, Barry; unanimous

VI. New Business

A. DCEO grant

McNichol advised grant technically expired 12/2020, now extended to 5/1/2021; will use funds to purchase gym equipment, to be stored at old Joliet office building in the interim

VII. Old Business

A. By-Law Discussion/Review: Atty. Lisa McGlasson

Discussion of Elected Officers/members, quorum, Past Chairman; member Blue advised Past Chairman are elected in the past, not currently; member McGlasson advised if Past Chairman are listed as members, they can fulfill the requirement of the two members needed for quorum; Horne suggested clarification/limitation, last three Past Chairman, formality of voting rights, could become obstructionist; discussion of role of Past Chairman; discussion of maintenance of residency could be added for current Officers; consensus is to leave as is for now, reserve for future discussion; discussion of Superintendent;

Motion to accept the Bylaws: Blue, Barry; unanimous

Member McGlasson will return final edited copy to Exec. Board for reference by 4/16/2021

B. CARES Funding Update

McNichol advised will present to/with Will County Land Use next week to expand/add to the \$1.5 million; advised hotel project continues;

VIII. For Good of the Commission/Public Comment

Mylnek-work w/Raj Pillai, request a presentation on JROTC for his post/VAC

Williams – advised 4/23-24 “Watch” at MiddleEast Conflict Wall; Memorial Day ceremony has been cancelled for ALNC, MiddleEast Conflict Wall is having ceremony on Memorial Day; ILMFR is permitted, scheduled for 19; AL13 Riders, AL District 11 motorcycle run 7/17/21; AllenForce motorcycle run 7/24/17

Blue – suggested VAC promoting JROTC in Will County community schools; McGlasson supports, they will be in contact with Raj Pillai

IX. Motion to Adjourn: Horne, Blue; Unanimous

**VAC Executive Committee Meeting
5/11/2021
7AM
2400 Glenwood Ave STE 110 Joliet IL 60435
VIA Zoom**

Respectfully Submitted,
Secretary Williams