



WILL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

2400 GLENWOOD AVENUE
JOLIET, IL 60435

AUGUST 14, 2017



Veterans Assistance Commission

Executive Meeting

6:00 PM

- I. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
Led by Chairman Picciolo
- II. **OPENING PRAYER**
Led by Chaplain Singler
- III. **ROLL CALL OF ATTENDEES**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jack Picciolo	Chairman	Present	
Denise Williams	Secretary	Present	
Tom Mlynek	Treasurer	Present	
Jerry Leonard	Sgt-At-Arms	Present	
Jim Singler	Chaplain	Present	
James Baskerville	Member	Present	
John Kestel	Past Chairman	Excused	
John York	Past Chairman	Present	
Tony Sallesse	Past Chairman	Present	
Wayne Horne	Past Chairman	Present	
Victor Martinka	Vice Chairman	Present	
Larry Chisausky	Member	Excused	

- IV. **INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS AND / OR FIRST TIME ATTENDEES**
Joe Matkovicik - Post 52
Will fill in for Jerry Leonard when he is away during the winter months
- V. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

1. **Veterans Assistance Commission - Executive Meeting - Jul 10, 2017 6:00 PM**

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Picciolo, Williams, Mlynek, Leonard, Singler, Baskerville, York, Sallesse, Horne, Martinka
ABSENT:	Kestel, Chisausky

- VI. **PATRIOT FINANCIAL REPORT**
Our Patriots Inc bank account and disbursement of funds for the month of July discussed by Secretary Williams, Treasurer of the account:
Balance in Account \$11,147.74

4 checks went out in the month of July

- 7/11/17 - Donation of \$100.00 made to the Abe Lincoln Cemetery Golf Outing
- 7/11/17 - Donation for Hope Manor Joliet necessities of \$150.00 received from A.L. Post 18
- 7/19/17 - Check for Veteran Com Ed Bill in the amount of \$553.78
- 7/28/17 - Check for Veteran Com Ed Bill in the amount of \$375.35

A. July 2017

1. Motion to Accept

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Picciolo, Williams, Mlynek, Leonard, Singler, Baskerville, York, Sallese, Horne, Martinka
ABSENT:	Kestel, Chisausky

VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Financial Assistance Report - June @ 53% of YTD Budget, July @ 59% of YTD Budget

Total Sign-ins for office at 341

- IDVA computer systems down the entire month which attributed to some of the low numbers
- Working with CLS (Community Leadership School) on a Project with local agencies to develop a Data Capture system similar to those used at VA's etc to get a better accurate account of those entering our office and the nature of their business.
- Re-educating VAC staff on the utilization of the Vetra Spec computer system when veterans reach out to the office whether it be in person, by phone or by email

WCVAC Award Log claims YTD total \$2,298,351.60 back in to the Will County community

A. June and July 2017

1. Motion to Approve

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Picciolo, Williams, Mlynek, Leonard, Singler, Baskerville, York, Sallese, Horne, Martinka
ABSENT:	Kestel, Chisausky

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. VA Claims Clinic - Peotone

Currently looking for a place in the area of Manhattan, Mokena, Peotone to be available to assist veterans in that area with financial assistance or VA claims work

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. VA Town Halls

Held at the CBOC on July 17 2017

B. VAC Van Drivers

Currently have 2 paid volunteer drivers budgeted yearly for 1020 hours, however, each driver cannot go over 600 hours each

X. FOR THE GOOD OF COMMISSION**A. July 2017**

July 11 - Ending Veteran Homelessness
July 17 - Hines VA Town Hall
July 19 - Independence Village
July 19 - Catholic Charities - SSVF
July 20 - WJOL
July 20 - Joliet Chamber
July 21 - ISU Workshop - Brad Singer Event
July 24 - WCCCC Leadership Committee Meeting
July 25 - VAC and Will County Meet and Greet
July 25 - Joshua Arms - FA
July 26 - Joshua Arms - FA
July 26 - VSO Meeting Hines
July 26 - Drug Court Graduation
July 31 - Decision Ready Claims Training

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS**A. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

11 September 2017
2400 Glenwood Ave
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XII. EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION AS PER 5ILCS120/2©(4); REQUESTED BY CHAIRMAN

Roll Call

Adjourn Closed Session