

**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING OF
THE VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF DUPAGE COUNTY
Nov 15, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 1905 hours at DuPage County Complex by Mayor with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor followed by a moment of silence for those departed and those who might be in harm's way.

Roll Call:

Bruce Mayor, Don Sender, Alan Mendelssohn, Rich Greenwald, Del Miller, Mike Barbour, Frank Trout, and John Schmitt. A quorum was present.

Alternates in attendance: Joseph Craig

VAC staff: Steve Fixler, Bill Brophy, Brittany Michor

Guests: Thomas Packard, Ed LeTourneau, Keith French, Ashley Hudak, Emmitt Roberts

President's Opening Remarks: The Jewish War Veterans Post #54 went to Oak Ridge Cemetery with the 9th Graders from Etz Chaim Synagogue and put flags on the Jewish Veterans' graves. Friday Night, at the Etz Chaim service, we had a POW/MIA Table. On Mondays, I continue to get updates from Israel and the Israeli Consul General in Chicago about the situation in Gaza. Hamas had a Control Center in the hospital.

Treasurer: As of Nov 8, 2023

Credit Union (500)
Checking - \$3910.93
Savings - \$115.68

Motion by Mendelssohn and seconded by Trout to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. M/C.

Secretary:

Minutes were read. Stand as published.

Superintendent:

- Budget Status: Budgeted 93.9% Spent 92.9% Under 1.0%
- Budget-Balances attached
- VAC/American Legion Post #76 – Veteran Owned Business Expo Apr '24

Motion was made by Miller and seconded by Schmitt to accept Superintendent's report. M/C.

County Auditor Expenditure Report: N/A

Good of the Commission:

- Fixler – American Legion Post #76, Turkey Shoots, Nov 19
- Barbour – Vietnam Wall of Remembrance at the Naperville VFW – Well attended with Veterans, schools, civilians. Three generations were there. Several thousand people attended it.
- Trout – Westmont high school and middle school each had a Veteran ceremony

Public Comments and Concerns: N/A**Executive Session:** No

Old Business: Annual Dinner and Swearing-in, Dec 20, 6:30pm. We will be catering from Capri in Wheaton on Roosevelt Rd. Members and guests of the VAC are invited to attend. Please let me know by Dec 13 how many will attend.

New Business: Approve Fixler for reimbursement for Veteran's Suicide Prevention Seminar, Sep 12, 2023 – \$646.11. Motion by Miller, seconded by Barbour, M/C

- Petty Cash Increase – From \$300.00 to \$400.00 to allow the VAC Employees to use Petty Cash for office supplies and food and drinks. This will cut down on the reimbursements for these items and just have everything reimbursed through Petty Cash. M – Sender, S – Greenwald, M/C. Roll Call Vote – Sender - Aye, Mendelssohn - Aye, Greenwald - Aye, Miller - Aye, Barbour - Aye, Trout - Aye, and Schmitt - Aye. M/C

- Following VAC Board Members were nominated for FY '24 Board Positions: President – Mayor, Vice-President – Sender, Secretary – Mendelssohn, Treasurer – Greenwald, Judge Advocate – Miller. Last call to close-out nominations. M – Mendelssohn S – Miller. M/C

- M – Trout, S- Mendelssohn, Request that the Secretary cast one unanimous ballot for all the nominated officers. M/C

- Presentation by GovernmentPlus

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, Dec 20, 2023, at 1830 hrs, at the 421 DuPage County, Cafeteria, Wheaton, IL 60187 or as posted.

Adjournment:

Motion was made to adjourn by Miller and seconded by Greenwald. M/C Meeting adjourned at 2034 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Mendelssohn

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Secretary
VAC Executive Board