



Veterans Affairs Committee

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 2:30PM
40 McMaster Street, Ballston Spa, NY

Chair: Ian Murray

Members: J.D. Arnold VC, Dave Ball, Bill Peck, Sandra Winney

Agenda

- I. Welcome and Attendance
- II. Approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2024 meeting
- III. Trust Fund Report
- IV. Veterans Service Agency Report
- V. Upcoming Honor Deceased Veteran Ceremonies
- VI. Calendar of events
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjournment



SARATOGA COUNTY AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

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DEPARTMENT: Veterans Service Agency

DATE: 4/30/24

COMMITTEE: Veterans' Affairs



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Activity Report

VETERANS TRUST FUND

DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	DISBURSEMENTS	DEPOSITS	ACTUAL BALANCE
	Military Appreciation Day-Race Course		153.00	
	2023 5K Online Registration		24.00	
8/31/2023	MONTH TOTAL: AUGUST 2023	\$ 150,700.94	\$ 278,088.15	\$ 127,387.21
9/29/2023	Donation-D Oliveira		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-American Legion Post 234		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Mohawk Post 1450		200.00	
	2023 Sponsor-1st National Bank of Scotia		500.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Maximun Security		500.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Stewarts		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Ballston Spa BPOE 2619		500.00	
9/30/2023	MONTH TOTAL: SEPTEMBER 2023	\$ 150,700.94	\$ 280,088.15	\$ 129,387.21
10/17/2023	Donation-D Oliveira		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-VFW Post 358		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-American Legion Post 490		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Saratoga Elks Lodge 161		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Waterford Clock		100.00	
	2023 Sponsor-Post 91		100.00	
	2023 5K Online Registrations		380.00	
10/30/2023	MONTH TOTAL: OCTOBER 2023	\$ 150,700.94	\$ 281,068.15	\$ 130,367.21
11/7/2023	2023 5K Online Registrations		1,435.00	
	2023 Sponsor-The Fort Miller Group		800.00	
	2023 Same day Registrations		570.00	
11/22/2023	2023 5K Online Registrations		40.00	
	2023 5K Online Registrations		1,730.00	
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	Veterans Gold Donation-Town of Greenfield		2,889.30	
	2023 5K Online Registrations		2,719.44	
11/30/2023	MONTH TOTAL: NOVEMBER 2023	\$ 150,700.94	\$ 292,442.89	\$ 141,741.95
12/8/2023	Frank McClement - Gift Cards	5000.00		
12/14/2023	D Fusco Auto Body-P. Patrick	149.80		
	Tony's Tires & Wheels - P. Patrick	532.16		
	MONTH TOTAL: DECEMBER 2023	\$ 156,382.90	\$ 292,442.89	\$ 136,059.99
1/9/2024	1st National Bank of Scotia		400.00	

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2/13/2024	Kenneth Thompson IMO B Drouin Trust		100.00	
	David Oliveira		100.00	
2/27/2024	USAA	338.22		
	MONTH TOTAL: FEBRUARY 2024	\$ 161,721.12	\$ 293,042.89	\$ 131,321.77
3/5/2024	Jeanise Richards IMO Richards		500.00	
3/12/2024	ADK Electric - D Johnson	575		
	MONTH TOTAL: MARCH 2024	\$ 162,296.12	\$ 293,542.89	\$ 131,246.77
4/5/2024	Momentive Performance - 2023 5K race sponsorship		5,000.00	
	MONTH TOTAL: APRIL 2024	\$ 162,296.12	\$ 298,542.89	\$ 136,246.77



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January-April 2024 – Veterans Committee Report

1. Veteran Service Officer Summary Report

- a. 217 Claim Forms submitted for Jan-April
- b. Conducted scheduled appointments :31-Jan, 33-Feb, 34-March, 36-April
- c. Walk In's: 32-Jan, 39-Feb, 43-March, 45-April
- d. DSS Referrals: 17
- e. Local Assessor inquiries: 2
- f. Records Request: 34
- g. Phone calls Total in & Out
 - i. Jan:590/416
 - ii. Feb:562/328
 - iii. March: 345/367

2. Veterans Events and Trainings Attended

- a. 1/9- VA Virtual Town Hall
- b. 1/11- VA Online Training
- c. 1/18- VSO Conference
- d. 1/26- Benefits Review Class
- e. 2/7- VA Online Training
- f. 2/20- VBC Meet and Greet
- g. 2/23- DSS meeting
- h. 2/23- Benefits Review Class
- i. 2/27- Veterans Symposium Schenectady Library
- j. 2/28- Inter Agency Day
- k. 2/28- VA Peer Conference
- l. 3/8- Veterans Memorial Project assistance
- m. 3/12-Va Virtual Town Hall
- n. 3/14- VA Online Training
- o. 3/15- Benefits Review Class
- p. 3/20- VA Online training
- q. 3/21- VA Online Training
- r. 3/22- Town of Day Training
- s. 3/25- Saratoga Senior Center Presentation
- t. 4/5- Sherriff Training
- u. 4/9- Yellow Ribbon Day
- v. 4/11- VA Online Training
- w. 4/11- Summit Senior Living Presentation
- x. 4/13- Evolution Construction Services Meeting
- y. 4/22- Fresh Connect Online Training
- z. 4/23- VBC Meeting

3. Saratoga County Veterans Transportation

- a. Van transportation provided Jan:28 Feb:20 March:37 April:39

4. Peer to Peer Summary

- a. Coffee Hour at: Vested Veteran(Corinth), Bubbles(Mechanicville)
- b. See Attached calendars for Monthly events

JANUARY

WE SHOULD CERTAINLY COUNT OUR BLESSINGS,
BUT WE SHOULD ALSO MAKE OUR BLESSINGS COUNT.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1st OFFICE CLOSED	2nd Start Book Club	3rd Need RSVPs for Bowling	4th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	5th Bowling	6th
7th	8th Incarceration Program (males)	9th Proctor's Guest Speaker	10th Basket Weaving Class w/ Montgomery County	11th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	12th	13th
14th	15th OFFICE CLOSED	16th	17th New Member/ Mentor Briefing & Need RSVPs Bowling	18th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	19th Bowling	20th
21st Intro To Tea & Brewing Class	22nd Incarceration Program (males)	23rd Guest Speaker Military Sexual Trauma (MST)	24th	25th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	26th	27th
28th Herbs for Health Tea Class	29th	30th	31st New Member/ Mentor Briefing & Need RSVPs Bowling	Feb 1st	Feb 2nd Bowling	Feb 3rd

FEBRUARY

THE BEST AND MOST BEAUTIFUL THINGS IN THE WORLD CANNOT BE SEEN OR EVEN TOUCHED - THEY MUST BE FELT WITH THE HEART.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>4th Our Volunteer Opportunities for the month of February are to assist our fellow Veteran members. This month we have 2 asks: Malta Veterans Appreciation Program needs materials and donations to help fellow Veteran Katie. Fellow Veteran Shireen needs help with moving.</p>	5th	6th	7th CPR Class (certificate)	8th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	9th	10th Henry Johnson Play Proctors
	12th Incarceration Program	13th New Member Briefing & New Mentor Training	14th	15th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	16th Bowling	17th
	19th Office Closed	20th	21st	22nd Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	23rd Benefits Review	24th
	26th Incarceration Program	27th Guest Speaker Saratoga Springs Transportation Team	28th	29th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	Mar 1st Bowling	Mar 2nd Wreath Pick Up

MARCH 2024

WE HAVE FREE WORKOUT CLOTHING HERE AT THE OFFICE FOR ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE A FEW ITEMS. JUST DROP IN DURING BUSINESS HOURS TO PICK OUT YOUR SIZE.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 3rd	Mar 4th Financial Literacy Class Budgeting	Mar 5th	Mar 6th	Mar 7th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	Mar 8th Widow/Spouse Group Meeting	Mar 9th
Mar 10th	Mar 11th Incarceration Program Financial Literacy Class Managing Debt	Mar 12th	Mar 13th	Mar 14th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran & Chorus	Mar 15th Bowling & Benefits Review	Mar 16th Malta YMCA & SUNY Empire Veterans & Military Resource Event
Mar 17th	Mar 18th Financial Literacy Class Digital Banking Bring Your Teen!!	Mar 19th New Member/ New Mentor Briefings	Mar 20th Presentation at Care Links Senior Center	Mar 21st Coffee Hour Vested Veteran	Mar 22nd	Mar 23rd
Mar 24th	Mar 25th Presentation at Saratoga Springs Senior Center AND Incarceration Program AND Financial Literacy Understanding Credit	Mar 26th MST Peer Support Group	Mar 27th Women in Trades WSWHE BOCES event	Mar 28th Coffee Hour Vested Veteran & Chorus	Mar 29th	Mar 30th

APRIL

We have FREE book club books and FREE workout clothing (men's sm, md, lg and women's lg only) for Veterans here at the office. Just drop in during business hours to pick them up.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Mar 31st	Apr 1st	Apr 2nd Mental Health First Aid Training	Apr 3rd Coffee Hour at Bubbles	Apr 4th Author & Motivational Speaker Jay Rifenary	Apr 5th Widows & Spouses Group	Apr 6th Volunteer Opportunity w/ Malta Vets
Apr 7th Indian Ladder Farms Baby Animal Day	Apr 8th Financial Literacy Class & Incarceration Program	Apr 9th	Apr 10th Coffee Hour at Bubbles and New Member Briefing	Apr 11th Chorus	Apr 12th Book Club Meeting	Apr 13th Volunteer Opportunity w/ Malta Vets
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MAY

RSVP TO ERIN FOR ALL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND.
ECASSIDY@SARATOGACOUNTYNY.GOV OR 518-884-4999 OR 518-605-2899

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			1st Coffee Hour Bubbles	2nd	3rd MWR's FREE Comedy Event	4th Women in War Symposium
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As a reminder to the BOS, upcoming Honor Deceased Veterans CEremonies to be read at full board meeting.

May 21st	Mechanicville	Thomas J. Richardson	Mr&Mrs. Marcelle
June 18th	Moreau	Jesse Fish	TBD
July 15th	Providence	Sandra Winney	Timothy Vandeburgh
August 20th	Milton	Scott Ostrander	Emily Adams
September 17th	Hadley	Arthur Wright	TBD
October 15th	Greenfield	Kevin Veitch	TBD
November 19th	Ballston	Eric Connolly	TBD
December 17th	Saratoga Springs	Veitch/Madigan	TBD