

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 12TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RAJ PILLAI AND WILLIAM SUTTON,)
)
PLAINTIFFS,)
V.)
) CASE NO. 2022CH000123
JACK PICCIOLO, DENISE WILLIAMS,)
AMANDA KOCH, JIM SINGLER,)
TOM MLYNEK, VIC MARTINKA,)
JOHN YORK, WAYNE HORNE, AND)
JANET BLUE,)
)
DEFENDANTS.)

COMPLAINT FOR DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF

NOW COME Plaintiffs, RAJ PILLAI and WILLIAM SUTTON (“Plaintiffs”), by and through their attorney, Robert T. Hanlon, with their complaint against Defendants, JACK PICCIOLO, DENISE WILLIAMS, AMANDA KOCH, JIM SINGLER, TOM MLYNEK, VIC MARTINKA, JOHN YORK, WAYNE HORNE, AND JANET BLUE (collectively “DEFENDANTS”) for declaratory and injunctive relief to declare the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission illegally constituted enjoin DEFENDANTS from undertaking further action as the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission and in support thereof, state as follows:

PARTIES

1) Plaintiff, RAJ PILLAI (hereinafter at times “PILLAI”), is a military veteran having served in the United States Navy from 1996 to 2003. Plaintiff was deployed in numerous operations including “Operation Nobel Anvil” (Kosovo) and “Operation Enduring Freedom”. Plaintiff is a CPA and a member of the American Legion Marne Post No. 13. Plaintiff has been a delegate to the Veterans Assistance Commission and is an Alternate Delegate. PILLAI is a citizen and resident of Will County, Illinois.

Initial case management set for
11/28/2022 at: 9 a.m.

2) Plaintiff, WILLIAM SUTTON (hereinafter at times "SUTTON"), is a Marine Corp. Veteran that served in the Marine Corp from 2007-2013, having been deployed in "Operation Enduring Freedom". SUTTON is a Veteran Service Officer by education, the Judge Advocate for the Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions and a member of the American Legion Post No. 13. SUTTON is the 2022 Delegate named to the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission by American Legion Post 13. SUTTON is a citizen and resident of Will County, Illinois.

3) Defendant, JACK PICCIOLO, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon information and belief, JACK PICCIOLO is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

4) Defendant, DENISE WILLIAMS, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon information and belief, DENISE WILLIAMS is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

5) Defendant, AMANDA KOCH, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon information and belief, AMANDA KOCH is a resident of Will County, Illinois. Ms. Koch is also a Will County Board Member.

6) Defendant, JIM SINGLER, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon Information and belief, JIM SINGLER is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

7) Defendant, TOM MLYNEK, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon Information and belief, TOM MLYNEK is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

8) Defendant, VIC MARTINKA, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon Information and belief, VIC MARTINKA is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

9) Defendant, JOHN YORK, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon information and belief, JOHN YORK is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

10) Defendant, WAYNE HORNE, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon Information and belief, WAYNE HORNE is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

11) Defendant, JANET BLUE, is an individual claiming membership on the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission. Upon information and belief, JANET BLUE is a resident of Will County, Illinois.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

12) This Court has jurisdiction over this cause of action because all parties to this cause are within Will County, Illinois.

13) Venue is proper before this Court because the events giving rise to this cause of action took place in Will County, Illinois.

FACTS

14) Will County Veterans Assistance Commission, (hereinafter at times “WCVAC”) is a statutory local unit of government created under 33 ILCS 45 et seq. See *Veterans Assistance Commission of Grundy County v. Grundy County*, 3d Appellate Court, 2013 IL App (3d) 120075. (citation provided as an aid to the Court – not for legal conclusion of that court.)

15) Every Illinois Veterans Assistance Commission is governed by the (Illinois) Military Veterans Assistance Act, 330 ILCS 45.

16) The American Legion is recognized under 36 USC 21701 is a federally chartered corporation dating to September 16, 1919. Its membership is limited by Section 21703 to individuals that have served in the armed forces of the United States at any time since December 7, 1941. American Legion Marne Post No. 13 is a Veterans Service Organization.

17) 330 ILCS 45/1 defines what constitutes a “Veterans Service Organization” (hereinafter at times “VSO”). There, a VSO means “a post, ship, camp, chapter, or detachment of a congressionally chartered or state chartered organization.”

18) 330 ILCS 45/ 9(a) describes the “Commission” and its membership, as:

Sec. 9. Veterans Assistance Commission.

(a) In counties having 2 or more veteran service organizations as may be recognized by law, the veteran service organizations may come together to form a Veterans Assistance Commission of such county. The Veterans Assistance Commission of such county may act as the central service office for all veterans and their families and for the families of deceased veterans. **The Commission shall be composed of delegates and alternates from a majority of such veteran service organizations selected annually as determined by each veteran service organization.** (Emphasis added)

19) 330 ILCS 45/9(a)(1) provides:

Beginning on January 1, 2017, and every January 1 all Veterans Assistance Commissions shall publish a notice to each post, camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment of a military veterans organization within their respective county calling on them to select delegates and alternates for that county's Veterans Assistance Commission by the methods provided in this subsection. The Veterans Assistance Commissions shall allow each post, camp, unit, chapter, ship, or detachment of a military veterans organization 60 days to respond.

20) As a unit of local government, a Veterans Assistance Commission only has those powers granted it by the legislature or the constitution and those powers indispensable to the powers granted.

21) A Veterans Assistance Commission, or Commission, cannot abdicate the duties of the Commission by gifting its powers to a committee or separate “board” of the Commission.

22) The current and lawfully appointed Commissioners based on the Delegates and Alternates for 2022 are as follows:

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|-----------------------------|--|------------------|
| American Legion Post 13 – | D: William Sutton | A: Raj Pillai |
| American Legion Post 39 - | D: Dale Fraher | A: Jame Chappell |
| VFW Post 5788 - | D: Keith Canberry | A: Ernest Errico |
| American Legion Post 1200 - | D: David Batzek | A: Vacant |
| American Legion Post 521 - | D: Joey Sutton. (upon information and belief.) | |
| American Legion Post 52 - | D: Stephen Benicke | A: Steven Daley |
| American Legion Post 1080 - | D: Tom Horn? | A: George Madden |
| VFW Post 367 - | D: Lou Smith | A: Jim Clausen |
| American Legion Post 935 - | D: John Kestle | A: Richard Smerz |

23) Despite the appointment of Delegates and Alternates by the above-referenced posts, the individually named Defendants, JACK PICCIOLO, DENISE WILLIAMS, AMANDA KOCH, JIM SINGLER, TOM MLYNEK, VIC MARTINKA, JOHN YORK, WAYNE HORNE, AND JANET BLUE, claim membership on the Commission and are acting as Commissioners of the WCVAC. The Agendas and Roll Call Votes include each of their names for all of 2022. See “Meeting Agenda” attached hereto as Exhibit A.

24) Defendant, JACK PICCIOLO, is listed as President on agendas and he claims to be President despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

25) Defendant, NICHOLAS BARRY, is listed as Vice President despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

26) Defendant, DENISE WILLIAMS, is listed as Secretary despite not being lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

27) Defendant, AMANDA KOCH, is listed as the Sgt-At-Arms despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

28) Defendant, JIM SINGLER, is listed as a member of the Commission despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

29) Defendant, TOM MLYNEK, is listed as a member of the Commission despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

30) Defendant, JANET BLUE, is listed as a member of the Commission despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

31) Defendant, VIC MARTINKA, is listed as a member of the Commission despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

32) Defendant, JOHN YORK, is listed as a member of the Commission despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

33) Defendant, WAYNE HORNE, is listed as a member of the Commission despite not having been lawfully appointed to the Commission by a VSO for 2022.

34) DEFENDANTS have been acting as members of the WCVAC, despite the appointment of various other persons that were to be Delegates and Alternates by the various VSO Posts in Will County, Illinois.

35) As unlawfully constituted, the individual DEFENDANTS have expended monies belonging to the Veterans Commissions. See Exhibit A.

36) The individuals alleging to constitute membership on the Board of Commissioners of the WCVAC have done so without lawful authority and have created a purported executive committee which is not authorized by statute.

37) The individually named persons which are DEFENDANTS in this action are not duly appointed by a Post as mandated by law.

38) Under the present constituted board, its members have passed by-laws, expanded membership in the Commission, and required a DD214 form (Military Discharge form) even though the precedent is clear that the Board has no such power. See *VACGC v Grundy County*, 3d Appellate Court 2013 IL App (3d) 120075, 371 Ill.Dec. 193, 989 N.E.2d 1121. See also 50 N.E.3d 121 (2016), 401 Ill. Dec. 401. (Citation provided not for legal conclusions of the Appellate Court but simply as an aid to this Court.)

39) Likewise, the current composition of the fake “Board” has claimed an ability to approve membership in the Commission, claiming three persons constitute a quorum of a ten (10) person Committee, permitting ballots for election of its officers, limiting public comment without a duly approved public comment policy at meetings in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, and excluding Commissioners from closed meetings.

40) Defendant, JACK PICCIOLO, has prevented Plaintiffs, PILLAI AND SUTTON, from acting as Board Commissioners by relegating their commentary only to public comment and has previously denied Plaintiffs from attending executive sessions.

41) Defendant, JACK PICCIOLO, while claiming to be the President of the WCVAC (despite not having an appointment as a Delegate or Alternate) had both Plaintiffs removed from

the August 4, 2022 executive session of the WCVAC by Deputy Sheriff Joe Hurekes under the color of state authority.

- 42) 50 ILCS 105/1 provides in pertinent part:

No member of a county board, during the term of office for which he or she is elected, may be appointed to, accept, or hold any office other than (1) chairman of the county board, or member of the regional planning commission by appointment or election of the board of which he or she is a member, (ii) alderperson of a city or member of the board of trustees of a village or incorporated town if the city, village or incorporated town has fewer than 1000 inhabitants, or (iii) Trustee of a forest preserve district under section 18.5 of the Conservation District Act, unless he or she first resigns from the office of the County Board member or unless the holding of the office is authorized by law. **Any such prohibited appointment or election is void.**

- 43) Despite the statutory prohibition against County Board Members holding appointed office, AMANDA KOCH is a County Board Member and contends appointment to the WCVAC.

- 44) (330 ILCS 45/10) (formerly Ch. 23, par. 3090) provides in pertinent part:

Sec. 10. The executive powers of the commission shall be vested in a superintendent elected by the commission from among those who served in the armed forces of the United States. The superintendent, designated Superintendent of Veterans Assistance of the county, shall, under the direction of the commission, have charge of and maintain an office in the county building or other central location, to be used solely by the commission for carrying on its assistance work. The county shall provide the office and furnish all necessary supplies, including telephone, printing, stationery and postage therefor....The superintendent and other employees shall be employees of the Veterans Assistance Commission, and no provision in this Section or elsewhere in this Act shall be construed to mean that they are employees of the county.

Superintendents, subject to rules formulated by the commission, shall select, as far as possible, secretaries and other employees from among honorably discharged military veterans as defined in Section 2, or their surviving spouses.

- 45) DENISE WILLIAMS has asserted a claim of appointment from the *American Gold Star Mothers – Department of Illinois* for the year 2022, but DENISE WILLIAMS has

failed to submit evidence of 25% of the statewide membership of the *American Gold Star Mothers* reside in Will County as required by 330 ILCS 45.

46) DEFENDANTS, under a claim of right to serve as the WCVAC, have denied Plaintiffs their positions as Commissioners without lawful authority and have self-appointed themselves to serve as a Commissioner despite the absence of the proper approval by a Post prior to March 21, 2022, as required by law.

47) Plaintiffs have a clear ascertainable right in need of protection, the right to hold the office of a Commissioner to the WCVAC.

48) Plaintiffs are without an adequate remedy at law. No amount of money damages can restore Plaintiffs' lawful right to sit on the WCVAC.

49) The threat of immediate and irreparable harm necessitates the issuance of a preliminary injunction and a permanent injunction.

50) Plaintiffs have a likelihood of success on the merits because Plaintiffs can establish that they are Duly Constituted Delegates and Alternates to serve on the WCVAC.

51) Without injunctive relief, both Plaintiffs will suffer irreparable harm in that they have lost and will continue to lose their vote before a properly constituted Board.

52) The balancing of the equities is entirely in favor of Plaintiffs because Plaintiffs can establish that they are members of the Commission due to the appointment by American Legion Post 13.

53) The current DEFENDANTS have approved no-bid contracts that have depleted the resources of the WCVAC by as much as \$500,000.

54) Copies of the list of Delegates and Alternates is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

55) DEFENDANTS cannot expend the funds of the WCVAC for any expense including attorney's fees for the defense of this action because the present persons claiming to constitute the Commissioners are not lawfully Commissioners of the WCVAC.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, PILLAI AND SUTTON, pray that this honorable Court grant the following relief:

- A) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, JACK PICCIOLO, as vacant due to JACK PICCIOLO lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit him from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the purported Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) other than in the role as a member of the general public.
- B) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, DENISE WILLIAMS, as vacant due to DENISE WILLIAMS' appointment as a Delegate or Alternate is alleged to be from the *American Gold Star Mothers – Department of Illinois* for the year 2022, but DENISE WILLIAMS has failed to submit evidence of 25% of the statewide membership of the *American Gold Star Mothers – Department of Illinois* reside within Will County (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a)(4) et seq*) and prohibit her from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the purported Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) other than in the role as a member of the general public.

- C) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, AMANDA KOCH, as vacant due to AMANDA KOCH lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit her from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the purported Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) other than in the role as a member of the general public
- D) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, JIM SINGLER, as vacant due to JIM SINGLER lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit him from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the purported Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) other than in the role as a member of the general public
- E) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, TOM MLYNEK, as vacant due to TOM MLYNEK lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit him from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission or the purported Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission other than in the role as a member of the general public

- F) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, VIC MARTINKA, as vacant due to VIC MARTINKA lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit him from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the purported Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) other than in the role as a member of the general public
- G) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, JOHN YORK, as vacant due to JOHN YORK lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit him from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC), other than in the role as a member of the general public.
- H) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, WAYNE HORNE, as vacant due to WAYNE HORNE lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq*) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit him from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC), other than in the role as a member of the general public.
- I) Declare the seat claimed by Defendant, JANET BLUE, as vacant due to JANET BLUE lacking any appointment as a Delegate or Alternate from any VSO (*as*

defined in 330 ILCS 45/1 et seq) for the year 2022 (*as required in 330 ILCS 45/9(a) et seq*) and prohibit her from participating in any meetings of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or the Executive Committee or the Executive Board of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC), other than in the role as a member of the general public.

- J) Enjoin DEFENDANTS from any and all further acts prohibiting Plaintiffs from serving as a commissioner of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC).
- K) Declare all actions undertaken by DEFENDANTS without an appointment by a VSO as either Delegate or Alternate Delegate or as otherwise authorized by Statute to be VOID and of no force and effect ab initio.
- L) Disgorge from any attorney representing DEFENDANTS any funds paid by the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) related to the defense of this action, absent evidence of a majority vote by the actual Delegates and Alternates compromising a legally constituted Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC).
- M) Declare that DEFENDANTS as an illegally constituted Commission cannot in the name of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) enter into any contractual agreement including contracts for the retention of counsel on behalf of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) or to spend any money of the Will County Veterans Assistance Commission (WCVAC) without a properly constituted Commission.
- N) For such further and other relief as this Court deems just and equitable.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/Robert T. Hanlon, Esq.
One of Plaintiffs' Attorneys

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EXHIBIT LIST

Exhibit A: “Meeting Agenda”

Exhibit B: Delegate forms form VSOs.

EXHIBIT

A



• Veteran Assistance Commission of Will County

Erik Papineau – Superintendent

Glenwood Center 2 4 0 0 Glenwood Ave. Ste 110 Joliet, IL 60432

Ph: (815)740-8389 Fax: (815)740-4329



9 Aug 2022

Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting

6:00 PM

Location:
Will County Executive Center
302 N Chicago, Joliet, Illinois

- I. Call to Order:
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Opening Prayer:
- II. Roll Call of Attendees:

| VAC Commission | | |
|-----------------|----------------|--------|
| Attendee Name | Title | Status |
| Jack Picciolo | President | |
| Vacant | Vice President | |
| Denise Williams | Secretary | |
| Amanda Koch | Sgt-At-Arms | |
| Jim Singler | Chaplain | |
| Lisa McGlasson | Judge Advocate | |
| Tom Mlynek | Member | |
| Janet Blue | Member | |
| Steve Benicke | Member | |
| Vic Martinka | Past Chairman | |
| John York | Past Chairman | |
| Wayne Horne | Past Chairman | |

- III. Introduction of Guests and/or First Time Attendees:
- IV. Public Comment
- V. Minutes of Previous Meeting:
 - A. VAC Regular Meeting 14 July 2022; Motion:
- VI. Superintendents Report:
 - A. Award Log: 2015 – FY22: \$122.1M
 - a) New Awards YTD: \$3.5M
 - b) Recurring Awards: \$30M c)Total for FY22: \$33.5M
 - B. Project 150 Report: 8/1/2022
 - a) Emergency Shelter: Spent: \$132,995.30; Remaining \$17,004.70 (ESG-CV funded)
 - C. Financial Assistance Report: (8) Veterans
 - a) Shelter: \$1,400

- b) Gas: \$68.92
 - c) Electric: \$256.48
 - d) Water: \$103.44
 - e) Personal Products: \$200
 - f) Food: \$0
 - g) Motion to approve:
- VII. New Business
 - A. Discussion and Adopt Bylaw Rules for Meetings
 - a) Motion to approve
- VIII. Old Business
 - A. FY23 Budget Discussion
 - a) Motion to approve
- IX. For Good of the Commission
 - A. Outreach
 - a) Every Tuesday – VAC at Orland Park Vet Center – G. Wiza
 - b) Every Thursday – Together We Stand, Peer Support Group @ VAC Office
 - c) Second Monday - VAC at Manhattan American Legion Breakfast
- X. Executive/Closed Session, for the purpose of:
 - A. Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Certain Employees.
5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)
- XI. Motion to Adjourn:

**VACWC Full Commission Meeting
September 13, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.
Will County Executive Center
302 N. Chicago St., Joliet, IL 60435**

EXHIBIT

B



**AMERICAN LEGION
MARNE POST NO. 13
PLAINFIELD, IL 60544
(815)436-9231**

April 6, 2022

To: Veterans Assistance Commission

Effective immediately, please update our Veterans Assistance Commission Representatives.

**Please remove James Castaneda as our Alternate and replace him with Raj Pillai.
Please replace Raj Pillai with William Sutton as our Delegate.**

Please see the attached previous and revised forms.

Thank you.

James Castaneda

Commander

Plainfield American Legion Marne Post 13

REVISED 4-6-22



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Hello Veterans & Veteran Advocates!

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| Name of Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, or Detachment: | | | Number of Paid Members: |
| PLAINFIELD AMERICAN LEGION MARNE POST 13 | | | 426 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| WILLIAM SUTTON | [REDACTED] | AMLEG.13@ATT.NET | 11 TH |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| RAT PILLAI | (815) [REDACTED] | AMLEG.13@ATT.NET | 11 TH |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| AMLEG.13@ATT.NET | | (815) 436-9231 | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) COMMANDER | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| JAMES CASTANEDA | | [Signature] | |

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| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| JAMES CASTANEDA | (708) 436-9231 | AMLEG.13@ATT.NET | 11 TH |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| AMLEG.13@ATT.NET | | (815) 436-9231 | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) COMMANDER | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| JAMES CASTANEDA | | | |



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| Name of Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, or Detachment: Braidwood American Legion Koea Post 39 | | | Number of Paid Members: 50 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: Dale Fraher Commander | Phone: | Email: [REDACTED] | County Board District: H N/A |
| Alternate: Jame Chapped Adjutant | Phone: | Email: [REDACTED] | County Board District: N/A |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: N/A | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: N/A | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print): Dale Fraher | | Commander/Director Signature: [Signature] Adjutant | |



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| Name of Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, or Detachment: | | | Number of Paid Members: |
| Lockport Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5788 | | | 192 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Keith Carberry | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Ernest Butico | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| KEITH CARBERRY | | [Signature] | |

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| POST 1200 "DOSS-MALONE" MONEE AMERICAN LEGION | | | 82 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| COMMANDER DAVID BATZEK | (M-F) 7-3 [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
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| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| DAVID BATZEK POST COMMANDER | | [Signature] | |

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| Name of Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, or Detachment: <i>Steger American Legion Post #521</i> | | | Number of Paid Members: <i>61</i> |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: <i>Joey Smith</i> | Phone: [REDACTED] | Email: [REDACTED] | County Board District: |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: <i>708-754-2610</i> | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) <i>LISA Smith</i> | | Commander/Director Signature <i>[Signature]</i> | |



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| Romeoville American Legion Post 52 | | | 129 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Stephen Benicke | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 9th |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Steven Daley | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 9th |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| racalpost52@gmail.com | | 815-5905-1202 | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| Steven Daley | | [Signature] | |

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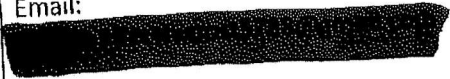
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| American Legion Post 52 | | | 128 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Steven Daley | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 3 rd |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Tiffany Jackson | [REDACTED] 02 | [REDACTED] | 3 rd |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| ralpost52@gmail.com | | 815-905-1202 | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| Steven Daley | | [Signature] | |

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| Name of Post: St. Joseph's Post American Legion Post 1080 | | Phone: 815-729-2254 |
| Address: 2625 Ingalls, Joliet 60435 | | |
| Meeting Time/Place: 1st Tuesday 6:30 PM at Post | | Day of Week: 1st Tuesday |
| Commander: Tom N. Horn | | Email: [REDACTED] |
| County Board District: Will County, District 11 | | |
| Adjutant: George Madden | | Email: [REDACTED] |
| Service Officer: Tony Arellano | | Email: [REDACTED] |
| Highlight info your post would like to receive/give: VA Benefits VA Healthcare News Homeless Vet Resources Volunteer Opportunities Community Resources Veteran Transportation Resources Collaborative Opportunities | | |

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| Name of Post: Lockport Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5788 | Phone: 815-838-1066 |
| Address: 1026 East 9th Street Lockport, IL 60441 | |
| Meeting Time/Place: 1900 VFW Hall | Day of Week: First Wednesday of the month |
| Commander: KEITH CARBERRY | Email:  |
| County Board District: Will | |
| Adjutant: Keith Eichorst | Email: |
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| CANTIGNY POST 367, VFW | | 300 | 2ND THURSDAY, 2:00 PM |
| 826 HORSESHOE DR | | | |
| JOLIET, IL 60435 | | VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE | |
| POST DELEGATE | JIM CLAUSEN | POST ALTERNATE | |
| DELEGATE PHONE | [REDACTED] | ALTERNATE PHONE | |
| DELEGATE EMAIL | [REDACTED] | ALTERNATE EMAIL | |
| COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT | | COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT | |
| POST, CAMP, UNIT, CHAPTER, SHIP DETACHMENT EMAIL: | | POST, CAMP, UNIT, CHAPTER, SHIP DETACHMENT PHONE: | |
| POST@VFW367-ORG | | | |
| COMMANDER/DIRECTOR NAME (PRINT): | LOU SMITH | COMMANDER/DIRECTOR SIGNATURE | |

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| Cantigny Post 367 | | | 400 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| LOU Smith | 815-922-9178 | NAVYAL8CAH.NET | WILL |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| Jim Clausen | 815-730-0774 | JCLAUSEN 48@COMCAST.NET | WILL |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| | | 815-722-5398 | |
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| Manhattan A W Post 935 | | 85 | 3 Thursday 12:00 |
| VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION REPRESENTATIVE | | | |
| POST DELEGATE | ROBERT ANGONG | POST ALTERNATE | John Kartel |
| DELEGATE PHONE | [REDACTED] | ALTERNATE PHONE | [REDACTED] |
| DELEGATE EMAIL | [REDACTED] | ALTERNATE EMAIL | None |
| COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT | | COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT | |
| POST, CAMP, UNIT, CHAPTER, SHIP DETACHMENT EMAIL: | | POST, CAMP, UNIT, CHAPTER, SHIP DETACHMENT PHONE: | |
| COMMANDER/DIRECTOR NAME (PRINT): | | COMMANDER/DIRECTOR SIGNATURE | |

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| MANHATTAN AMERICAN LEGION POST 935 | | | 80 |
| <u>Veterans Assistance Commission Representative</u> | | | |
| Delegate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| John Kestel | [REDACTED] | INFO @ AMERICAN LEGION 935 . com | 6 |
| Alternate: | Phone: | Email: | County Board District: |
| RICHARD SMERZ | [REDACTED] | [REDACTED] | 2 |
| Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Email: | | Post, Camp, Unit, Chapter, Ship, Detachment Phone: | |
| INFO @ AMERICANLEGION935 . com | | 779-243-8656 | |
| Commander/Director Name (Print) | | Commander/Director Signature | |
| Bob Metzger | | [Signature] | |

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| Name of Post: Manhattan American Legion Post 935 | | Phone: 779-243-8656 |
| Address: P O Box 171 Manhattan, IL 60442 | | E-MAIL: info@americanlegion935.com |
| Meeting Time/Place: 7 PM to 8:30 PM 230 S Wabash St Manhattan IL | | Day of Week: Third Thursday of Month |
| Commander: Bob Metzger | | Email: [REDACTED] |
| County Board District: | | |
| Adjutant: Larry Musson | | Email: [REDACTED] |
| Service Officer: Gus Baselean | | Email: [REDACTED] |
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