MEETING OF THE ONEIDA COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE COMMISSION

Held: Monday, September 28, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.
Members Present: Brian Jopek (Telephone), Mark Espeseth, Dawn Spurgeon, Matthew Young (CVSO)
Others Present:

The following new matters were taken up, to wit:

Mark Espeseth called the meeting to order in conference room #1 of the Oneida County Courthouse at 9:07 a.m. The meeting was properly posted, the news media was notified and pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, is handicapped accessible.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The agenda was reviewed. Motion made by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Dawn Spurgeon, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

The minutes from the June 15, 2026, meeting were reviewed. Motion made by Mark Epeseth, seconded by Dawn Spurgeon, to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

Public comment:

The Veterans Commission per diem vouchers were reviewed and signed.

The list of grants paid over the last quarter to veterans in need was reviewed. Three current applications were discussed by the attending members of the Commission. Motion by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Dawn Spurgeon, to approve the grants paid. Motion carried.

The donation account was reviewed.

There was a discussion to increase the dollar amount for the fuel cards that are used to help Veterans in need from $25 to $50 per card. There was also discussion to increase the requested amount on the 2027 budget request be increased from $600-$900 for fuel card allowance. It was addressed that we need to see if there is a legal way to request payback of any cards that are issued out for fuel. It was suggested that the CVSO check with Corporate Counsel to ensure that we are legally allowed to make that request. A motion was made to increase the fuel card amount and increase the requested budget amount by Mark Espeseth, seconded by Dawn Spurgeon, Motion Carried. The stipulation for reimbursement was tabled until next meeting.

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Items for the next agenda:
- Continue to have "Oversight of Veteran Services be delegated to the Veterans Commission" on the agenda to allow for discussion and updates
- Update on legal status of requesting reimbursement for fuel cards
- Provide a synopsis of committee meetings that took place between commission meetings
- Update on identifying families in need over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays
- Add an "Open for discussion" for the next agenda

The next meeting will be held on December 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in conference room #1 in the courthouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman: _____

Secretary: _____