

Orland Park Veterans Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda - Thursday, Apr. 9th, 2026, 7:00 pm

Location: Veteran's Center, 14671 West Ave. Orland Park, IL 60467

**Voting members: Jim Baillie, Len Howard, Dan Marsan, Mike Raymond, Angelo Munoz, Diana Howard,
Mike Browner, Mike Wick, Ken Kovac**

Meeting called to order 7:00 pm

Attending _____

Pledge of Allegiance

I approve the minutes of the Mar. 12th meeting.

Motion- _____ YES NO

New Business

2026 Veteran's Advisory Board Meeting Dates

- 2nd Thursday of each month except for June, July and Aug., which will be on 2nd Tuesday of those months.
- Our meeting in May will be on Tuesday, **May 12th**, not May 14th

Swearing In Certificates

Please sign one copy and the other will be for you to keep

Veterans Advisory Board Chairperson

- We still do not have a volunteer for this role so I will continue till someone does

Veterans Website

- The website is going to be totally revamped to make it consistent with other sites within the village.
- Stay tuned.....

Veterans Advisory Board Training

- Thanks for your training completions!!
- Only a few left!

Veterans Advisory Board	Sworn in Date	Sexual Harrassment Training	Cyber Security Training	OMA Training
Len Howard	11/10/26	2/19/26	2/19/26	
Mike Raymond	11/10/26	1/12/26	1/12/26	Completed
Angelo Munoz	1/8/2026	Completed	Completed	Completed
Jim Baillie	11/10/26	Completed	Completed	12/9/2025
Michal Browner	11/10/26	11/10/26	11/10/26	
Diana Howard	11/10/26	1/12/26	1/12/26	1/14/26
Ken Kovac	2/12/26	Completed	Completed	2/27/26
Matt Piworarski				
Mike Wick				

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2026 Veteran's Advisory Board By-laws

- In Progress

Round Table Ideas

- During round table some ideas were suggested that require further discussion:
 - Some type of Message Board in the Metra Triangle?
 - Using the mall to get word out on their message boards or over PA?
- Spotlight on "Veteran of the Month" 5-minute video
 - Add link on website to post videos of a veteran sharing their time serving
 - I did make the request but it has not been added yet

- Some type of “Outreach” to younger veterans
- Add links to Veterans Administration on website (Completed)

Financials

Veteran's Donations

As of February 28, 2026

Unadjusted and Unaudited

	<u>General Total \$</u>	<u>Care Package Total \$</u>	<u>Queen of Hearts Total \$</u>	<u>Golf Total \$</u>	<u>HERO Total \$</u>
Cash Balance as of 01/01/2026:	\$ 22,671	\$ -	\$ 4,680	\$ -	\$ -
Gifts & Donations received - Actual Year to Date	\$ 2,163	\$ 1,425	\$ 1,725	\$ -	\$ 725
Disbursements:					
Donations/Contributions Given - Year to date 2026	\$ 4,343	\$ 1,721	\$ 4,325	\$ -	\$ -
Current funds available	<u>\$ 20,491</u>	<u>\$ (296)</u>	<u>\$ 2,080</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 725</u>

Memorial Day

- Our annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held on May 25th at 11 a.m. in front of Village Hall
- I have Color Guard, bugler, singers, priest, and guest speaker lined up
- Banners are expected to be up by then. As of today, I have 32 new 14 banners. I sent out a request to 2025 and 2024 banner folks to have their banners redisplayed and have already received 6 additional banners. There are only 55 poles so that will be first come, first serve.
- As of right now, there are only 11 names to be added to the wall
- I will need volunteers to hand out fliers and leftover keychains

Red, White & Blue BBQ Fest & Parade

- The village is going to mark the 250th anniversary of our nation on May 23rd
- This will kick off with a parade. I have invited all the veteran’s groups but only one has responded....any interest from members here to participate?

Veterans Advisory Board- shirts, hats

- Since our name changed, I want to get new hats and shirts to reflect this

- Any volunteers to take the lead on this?
- I'm thinking we need to brand the shirt with village logo with OP Veterans Advisory Board on it

Golf Outing

- The name of the golf outing has changed to "**Mayor Dodge's Golf Outing for Veterans**"
- The date of the golf outing has been changed to Sept 22nd.
 - They are hoping the cooler weather will increase attendance.
- I do have a revised flyer but I am waiting on contract with Silver Lakes to be signed so prices may not be accurate till that is completed

Golf Outing Donation Distribution

- Mayor Dodge asked us to come up with a plan on how the money from golf outing is distributed.
- I shared how we do it at this meeting.
 - Each organization, VFW, American Legion and Veterans Voices, contributed \$1,000. Each organization received a table for 8 guests for dinner; in addition, they ran a game on one of the holes and donated a prize for that game. Each organization will receive double their donation, \$2,000.
 - Each organization receives 50% of sponsorship revenue for sponsors they bring to the table.
 - They also receive additional compensation for items they donate or have donated to the golf outing.
 - Other recommendations are based day of the event participation and items donated as raffle prizes.
 - Intangibles are for activities throughout the year that support the various Veterans Commission activities:
 - Queen of Hearts VV & VFW
 - Veterans Day & Memorial Day VV, VF & AL
 - Packing for the troops VV
 - Collections for the troops Walmart VV
 - Cookies for the troops VV
 - To date, organizations have been given donations from the golf outing proceeds based on their participation the day of the event and for support of Veterans Commission activities throughout the year.

Queen of Hearts

- We are now in game 8!
 - The pot as of April. 1st, is \$2,965.00
 - We averaged \$319.00 / week in February
 - Upcoming schedule:
 - 4/8- Dale
 - 4/15- Len (need to get you the bag before the weekend and hope to bring it tonight. Also need to figure out how to get proceeds to village hall?)
 - 4/22- Jim B (bag will be prepped...Len, can you get this to Jim?)
- Should the Queen of Hearts be selected, please be sure to have the winner fill out the tax forms that are in the binder. The winner will still need to stop in and provide a copy of their license.
- **Please note-** If the person's ticket pulled out of the bin is not present and no card number is selected, then we do **NOT** call them, we select the lowest number on the board. For example, if number 1 is open, that is what you cut out. Otherwise, 2, or 3 and so on.
- New tickets and new colors have been delivered and will start using them as we run out of old colors

Walmart Collection

- Our first Walmart collection day will be on Saturday, May 2nd.
- I'm looking for volunteers to help hand out flyers to patrons from 8-noon

Open Floor

- Veteran's Voices will be hosting a Salute to Veterans luncheon on May 16th at:
 - Faith United Methodist church.
 - 15101 S. 80th Ave
 - 11 – 2 pm
 - Lunch provided by City BBQ
 - Free to all veterans plus one guest. Additional guest is \$5.00
- Commissioners' Appreciation Dinner
 - Sept. 25 at 6 pm
 - Silver Lake Country Club
 - Commissioners, liaisons and their plus 1 will be invited

Motion to Adjourn