



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

AGENDA

Winnebago County Health Department
555 Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103
Conference Room #115 (first floor)

Wednesday, May 14, 2025
5:30 PM

1. Call to Order.....President Terrell Lewis
2. Opening
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance.....George Meissen
 - b. Moment of Silence
 - c. Roll Call.....Deb Hoover
 - d. Allow Zoom Participation.....Deb Hoover
3. Approval of Agenda.....President Terrell Lewis
4. Approval of Minutes.....President Terrell Lewis
5. Public Comments
6. Reports President Terrell Lewis
 - a. President.....Terrell Lewis
 - b. Administrative Coordinator.....Nancy Clark
 - i. First reading of the by-laws changes will be brought forth under New Business
 - c. Services Coordinator.....Lana McCants
 - i. Service Manual Committee Meeting Date
 - d. Finance Coordinator.....Eric Willard
 - i. Request approval of \$25,000 for GA/FA expenditures from line item 48100 43991
 - ii. Finance Committee Meeting Date
 - e. Superintendent.....Jesus Pereira
 - i. Superintendent Report
7. Correspondence.....Deb Hoover
 - a. Impact Statement
8. Unfinished Business.....President Terrell Lewis
9. New Business.....President Terrell Lewis
 - a. First Reading of by-laws changes
 - b. Resolution 2025-03 A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEWS OF CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE VACWC**
10. Announcements Deb Hoover
11. Adjournment –Next Meeting is on June 11, 2025 at 1730

Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County
April 9, 2025 - Commission Meeting Minutes
555 N. Court Street, Conf. Rm. 115, Rockford, IL 61103 5:30 pm

Meeting Opened: 1730 hours - 5:30 pm

Attendees:

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Terrell Lewis – President (Rock Valley AmVets #922)	Jesus Pereira – Superintendent – Via Zoom
Nancy Clark – Administrative Coordinator (VFW Post #5149)	Debra Hoover – VACWC Secretary
Eric Willard – Finance Coordinator (VVA Post #984)	Francesca Montanez – VACWC
Ken VanLandeghem (American Legion Post #288)	Mayra Toral – VACWC
Gary Holmes (American Legion Post #332)	Luz Ortiz-Rivera – VACWC
Dave Davis (American Legion Post #1207)	Timothy Hotchkiss – VACWC
George Meissen (American Legion Post #1207)	Willie Borden – VACWC
Reuben Hernandez (VFW Post #2955)	Michael J. Phillips – VACWC Attorney
Gene Schaefer (VFW Post #9759)	Keith McDonald – Appointed Winnebago County Board
Sean West (VFW Post#342)	Julie Weiss – Guest
Todd Burton (Blackhawk DAV Chapter #29)	Ray Richmond – Guest
Bob Lamay (Navy Ship Club #1)	Stacy Moore - Guest
12 Members from 11 Posts	

- Opening Ceremonies
- Roll Call – 11 Members from 11 Posts
- Allow Zoom Attendees: Motion: Dave Davis 2nd: Todd Burton – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Approval of Agenda as submitted: Motion: Rueben Hernandez 2nd: Dave Davis – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Move approval of prior months minutes to April meeting: Motion: Gary Holmes 2nd: Eric Willard – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Public Comments:
 - Keith McDonald
 - Julie Weiss
- Reports:
 - President – Terrell Lewis
 - Welcome
 - Reminder to set up new vac.wincoil.gov e-mail – reach out to Debi or Jesus for assistance
 - Reminder to complete OMA Training and provide certificate to VACWC Secretary
 - Review the letter from the Attorney General
 - Administrative Coordinator – Nancy Clark
 - Reported dates for upcoming meetings
 - Moved to amend Resolution 2025-01 Exhibit A 2.0 Motion: Nancy Clark 2nd Rueben Hernandez – Voice Vote Unanimous
 - Services Coordinator – Lana McCants - absent
 - Finance Coordinator – Eric Willard
 - Gave FY2025 YTD Report – 41% expended at 42% of the year (5 months)
 - Motion to Approve move \$25,000 for GA/EA expenditures from line item 48100 to 43991 – Motion: Eric Willard 2nd: Nancy Clark – Roll Call Vote Taken – 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain – Result Unanimous

- Finance Committee will be setting a date for their next meeting to discuss the outcome of tonight's vote and to discuss the supplemental budget. Will advise commission when the date is set.
 - President advised Secretary to mark financial reports as "read"
 - President asked for motion to accept reports: Motion: Gary Holmes 2nd: Dave Davis – Voice Vote Unanimous
- Superintendent – Jesus Pereira – Zoom from Washington DC – NACVSO Conference
 - The Supplemental Budget will not be considered by the Winnebago County Board due to the pending litigation – do not expect any additional budget for this FY – will keep reviewing our supplies and services line for the remainder of the FY
 - I am continuing to work with Community Partners (HudVash and SSVF Providers) for homeless veterans
 - Still meeting with our clients needing monthly assistance for rental and utilities – will provide services Month to Month as approved by this body
 - We've reached out to county for assistance with supplies and postage - the county has denied our requests
 - Remember that our office provides more than GA – there is a whole other side of services that the VACWC provides which is representing claimants with claims against the VBA which is the service we provide that brings money back into the community – we have now passed \$2M
- Correspondence
 - Note from Superintendent regarding Surviving Spouse of a Vietnam Veteran
 - VACWC Secretary read aloud a letter sent to President Terrell Lewis from a Veteran Spouse
- Unfinished Business
 - Administrative Coordinator will set up meeting for By-Laws Review
 - Services Manual Meeting – Personnel Coordinator has been given 60 days to set up meeting
- New Business
 - Dave Davis: Auxiliary's of approved VSO (Federally/State Approved) can be members of the VACWC Commission (Delegate/Alternate)
 - Gene Schaefer: Plan for inclement weather or larger attendance at VACWC meetings
 - Veterans Memorial Hall could be a consideration for larger attendance
 - Very difficult to cancel a scheduled/posted public meeting with less than 48 hour notice – we will follow Winnebago County weather emergency procedures
- Veteran Community Events
 - Submit events to vac@vac.wincoil.gov
 - 3rd Monday of each month – American Legion Scholarship Dinner, Post 1207
 - Every Tuesday 9:00 am – 11:00 am – VA/SheVets Breakfast at Johnny Pancakes
 - April 26, 2025 – National Montford Point Marine Association – 11th Anniversary Banquet
 - May 3, 2025 – Veterans Memorial Hall – Gala to Commemorate 50 Years since the end of Vietnam War
 - May 10, 2025 – VACWC will host "Empowering Veterans. Connecting Opportunities. Building Futures.
 - July 17 – July 20 – The Wall that Heals – Vietnam Veterans
 - May 18 - May 21 – Vets Roll
 - Memorial Day Parade will go on as planned
- Closing Ceremonies
- Next VACWC Commission Meeting – Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 5:30 pm – 555 N. Court Street, Conf. Rm #115, Rockford, IL
- Motion to Adjourn: Nancy Clark 2nd: Rueben Hernandez – Voice Vote Unanimous
 - Meeting Adjourned 1811 hours - 6:11 pm

OBJ	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	TYPE	ROLLUP	ORIGINAL APPROP	YTD EXPENDED	AVAILABLE BUDGET	% USED
	P481 PAYROLL						
43183	VAC SALARY	E	136	\$ 729,303.01	\$ 353,275.16	\$ 376,027.85	0.48
	SUPLIES AND SERVICES						
42110	SUPPLIES	E	136	\$ -	\$ 2,670.56	\$ (2,670.56)	100.00
42117	Equipment				\$ 1,321.31	\$ (1,321.31)	
42240	GAS & OIL	E	136	\$ -	\$ 605.50	\$ (605.50)	100.00
43159	EXPENSES	E	136	\$ -	\$ 780.32	\$ (780.32)	100.00
43167	SW SUBS	E	136	\$ -	\$ 26,156.13	\$ (26,156.13)	100.00
43190	OTHER PRO	E	136	\$ -	\$ 23,254.20	\$ (23,254.20)	100.00
43212	WIRELESS	E	136	\$ -	\$ 4,197.65	\$ (4,197.65)	100.00
43220	POSTAGE	E	136	\$ -	\$ 629.97	\$ (629.97)	100.00
43310	TRAVEL	E	136	\$ -	\$ 4,733.02	\$ (4,733.02)	100.00
43420	ADVERTISIN	E	136	\$ -	\$ 1,909.00	\$ (1,909.00)	100.00
43510	LIAB INSUR	E	136	\$ -	\$ 8,668.00	\$ (8,668.00)	100.00
43540	UNEMP INSU	E	136	\$ -	\$ 7,711.69	\$ (7,711.69)	100.00
43810	BLDG RENTA	E	136	\$ -	\$ 2,520.00	\$ (2,520.00)	100.00
43941	DUES & MEM	E	136	\$ -	\$ 1,587.00	\$ (1,587.00)	100.00
43991	VET'S ASSI	E	136	\$ 389,696.99	\$ 192,678.32	\$ 197,018.67	35.60
44130	CENT XEROX	E	136	\$ -	\$ 512.39	\$ (512.39)	100.00
44235	ADM & SUPP	E	136	\$ -	\$ 1,381.00	\$ (1,381.00)	100.00

	Total 48100 VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE			\$ 389,696.99	\$ 108,380.93	\$ 108,380.93	
	Total P481 Payroll			\$ 729,303.01	\$ 353,275.16	\$ 376,027.85	48.44
	Grand Total			\$ 1,119,000.00	\$ 461,656.09	\$ 484,408.78	41.26

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 2025

FOR 2025 12

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USE/COL
P481 VAC PAYROLL							
P4810 VAC PAYROLL							
P4810 39990 OTHER REV	-729,303	0	-729,303	-285,794.02	.00	-443,508.99	39.2%*
P4810 41110 REG SAL	523,644	0	523,644	280,992.32	.00	242,651.68	53.7%
P4810 41221 LIFE-EMPLO	600	0	600	176.75	.00	423.25	29.5%
P4810 41231 IMRF-EMPLO	30,000	0	30,000	10,640.46	.00	19,359.54	35.5%
P4810 41241 FICA-EMPLO	40,059	0	40,059	20,851.91	.00	19,207.10	52.1%
P4810 48211 HLTH-EMP	135,000	0	135,000	40,613.72	.00	94,386.28	30.1%
TOTAL VAC PAYROLL	0	0	0	67,481.14	.00	-67,481.14	100.0%
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TOTAL REVENUES	-729,303	0	-729,303	-285,794.02	.00	-443,508.99	
TOTAL EXPENSES	729,303	0	729,303	353,275.16	.00	376,027.85	
GRAND TOTAL	0	0	0	67,481.14	.00	-67,481.14	100.0%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 2025

FOR 2025 12

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
0181 VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE FUND							
48100 VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE							
48100 42110 SUPPLIES	0	0	0	2,670.56	.00	-2,670.56	100.0%
48100 42117 EQUIPMENT	0	0	0	1,321.31	.00	-1,321.31	100.0%
48100 42240 GAS & OIL	0	0	0	605.50	.00	-605.50	100.0%
48100 43159 EXPENSES	0	0	0	780.32	.00	-780.32	100.0%
48100 43167 SW SUBS	0	0	0	26,156.13	.00	-26,156.13	100.0%
48100 43183 VAC SALARY	729,303	0	729,303	285,794.02	.00	443,508.99	39.2%
48100 43190 OTHER PRO	0	0	0	23,254.20	.00	-23,254.20	100.0%
48100 43212 WIRELESS	0	0	0	4,197.65	.00	-4,197.65	100.0%
48100 43220 POSTAGE	0	0	0	629.97	.00	-629.97	100.0%
48100 43310 TRAVEL	0	0	0	4,773.02	.00	-4,773.02	100.0%
48100 43420 ADVERTISIN	0	0	0	1,909.00	.00	-1,909.00	100.0%
48100 43510 LIAB INSUR	0	0	0	8,668.00	.00	-8,668.00	100.0%
48100 43540 UNEMP INSU	0	0	0	7,711.69	.00	-7,711.69	100.0%
48100 43810 BLDG RENTA	0	0	0	2,520.00	.00	-2,520.00	100.0%
48100 43941 DUES & MEM	0	0	0	1,587.00	.00	-1,587.00	100.0%
48100 43942 INS & SCHO	0	0	0	1,835.00	.00	-1,835.00	100.0%
48100 43991 VET'S ASSI	389,697	0	389,697	192,678.32	.00	197,018.67	49.4%
48100 44130 CENT XEROX	0	0	0	512.39	.00	-512.39	100.0%
48100 44235 ADM & SUPP	0	0	0	1,381.00	.00	-1,381.00	100.0%
TOTAL VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE	1,119,000	0	1,119,000	568,985.08	.00	550,014.92	50.8%
TOTAL VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE FUND	1,119,000	0	1,119,000	568,985.08	.00	550,014.92	50.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,119,000	0	1,119,000	568,985.08	.00	550,014.92	
GRAND TOTAL	1,119,000	0	1,119,000	568,985.08	.00	550,014.92	50.8%

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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WINNEBAGO COUNTY ILLINOIS
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Statement Ending 04/30/2025

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Summary of Accounts

Account Type	Account Number	Ending Balance
SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING	XXXXXXX6345	\$173,068.86

SMALL BUSINESS CHECKING - XXXXXX6345

Account Summary

Date	Description	Amount
04/01/2025	Beginning Balance	\$173,068.86
	0 Credit(s) This Period	\$0.00
	0 Debit(s) This Period	\$0.00
04/30/2025	Ending Balance	\$173,068.86

Daily Balances

Date	Amount
03/31/2025	\$173,068.86



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Superintendent Report for April

- **Veteran Served**
- **Transportation Madison**
- **Phone Calls**
- **Retro Payments FYTD \$525,065.93**
- **VA Yearly Reoccurring \$2,153,886.36**
- **GA/EA FYTD \$179,666.60**

April Updates

April, like most months, was extremely busy for the VACWC. Superintendent Pereira was in Washington DC along with other Governmental Veteran Service Officers (GVSO) from Illinois and from across the nation. This trip allowed for the Superintendent to hear directly from Secretary of the Veteran Affairs Doug Collins, National Cemetery Administration Acting Principle Deputy Undersecretary Glenn Powers, Board of Veteran Appeals Acting Chairman Kenneth Arnold, Veterans Benefits Administration Undersecretary Michael Frueh, and Veterans Health Administration Acting Undersecretary Dr. Steven Lieberman.

Their presentations confirmed some facts that have been speculation up to this point. Secretary Collins confirmed the Veterans Administration will be reducing its workforce by a significant amount. Reference was made to Pre-Pact Act staffing levels. Gender affirming care was confirmed to be removed as healthcare available by VHA. He also alluded to changes coming in addressing veteran suicide. The Secretary seemed to be unimpressed with any progress made in the last 10 years considering the monetary investment made by congress.

Veterans Benefits Administration Undersecretary Michael Frueh discussed the expansion of artificial intelligence implemented in the VBA rating process. He did confirm over 6,000 cases were processed by AI in 6 days and the number of diagnostic codes VBA will be able to be process by AI will increase by year end to about 60.

The Veterans Health Administration is still challenged by staffing and confirmed attempts to make employment more attractive for Physicians.
We hope to have more information in the near future.



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Seabreeze Transportation

The Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County (VACWC) is proud to announce a new partnership with Seabreeze Transportation to provide dedicated medical transportation services for veterans in our community.

Through this partnership, veterans will have access to reliable transportation for their medical appointments, helping to eliminate a common barrier to timely care. Seabreeze Transportation is known for its professional service and commitment to the needs of those they serve.

To qualify for transportation services, veterans must be enrolled in Blue Cross Blue Shield, Aetna, Meridian, Molina, Humana, WellCare, or similar insurance plans.

VACWC Superintendent Jesus Pereira stated, "This partnership helps ensure that veterans receive the healthcare they've earned. By connecting them with dependable transportation, we're removing obstacles and supporting better health outcomes."

Veterans meeting the insurance criteria should contact Seabreeze Transportation directly at 815-708-7807 to schedule a ride.

This initiative is one more way VACWC is working to uphold our commitment to those who served.

Community Survey

As we begin our budget cycle it is imperative that we get some insight as to what the community would like from the VACWC. We have created a one-question survey which can be accessed by this [link](#). Please complete the survey and pass it on to your membership.

Consider sharing your contact list with us as we now have a newsletter we would like to share information as many veterans as possible.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to our continued success.

Jesus M. Pereira

Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army (Ret.)
Superintendent

Sincerely,



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY

Jesus M Pereira

Superintendent

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VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO 2025 - 03

**A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEWS OF CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE VACWC**

PASSED BY THE
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS THIS
____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Published in pamphlet form
by the authority of the
Veterans Assistance Commission of
Winnebago County, Illinois this
____ day of _____, 2025.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 03

**A RESOLUTION SCHEDULING SEMI-ANNUAL REVIEWS OF CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE VACWC**

WHEREAS, the Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County, Illinois (hereinafter referred to as the “VACWC”) as created pursuant to Section 9 of the Illinois Military Veterans Assistance Act [codified as 330 ILCS 45/9] (hereinafter, the “MVAA”) is a body politic and corporate and currently consists of eleven (11) members from the “posts, camps, chapters or detachments of military veterans organizations” located within the corporate boundaries of the County of Winnebago, Illinois to provide financial assistance to “military veterans, who served in the Armed Forces of the United States, whose last discharge from the service was honorable to be eligible for assistance, their families, and the families of deceased veterans”; and

WHEREAS, at all times relevant hereto there was in effect in the State of Illinois a certain statute, commonly known as the Illinois Open Meetings Act [codified as 5 ILCS 120/1, *et seq.*] (hereinafter, the “OMA”) which provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

“Sec. 2.06. Minutes; right to speak.

(d) Each public body shall periodically meet to review minutes of all closed meetings. Meetings to review minutes shall occur every 6 months, or as soon thereafter as is practicable, taking into account the nature and meeting schedule of the public body. . . . At such meetings a determination shall be made, and reported in an open session that (1) the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of those minutes or (2) that the minutes or portions thereof no longer require confidential treatment and are available for public inspection. ”

WHEREAS, the VACWC is a “public body” as that term is defined by the OMA and thus is governed by the provisions of the OMA, including but not limited to the statutory duty to periodically review the unreleased Minutes of Closed Sessions of the VACWC; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 9, 2025 the VACWC discovered that it does not currently have a schedule by which the Minutes of Closed Sessions which have not been released for public inspection and public copying (hereinafter, the “unreleased Minutes of Closed Sessions”) are periodically reviewed by the full VACWC; and

WHEREAS, the VAC now wishes to bring itself into compliance with the OMA by establishing a mandatory schedule by which the VACWC reviews the unreleased Minutes of Closed Sessions at least every six months; and

WHEREAS, the VACWC hereby finds that the adoption of the proposed mandatory schedule for consideration of the unreleased Minutes of Closed Sessions of the VACWC to be in the best interests of the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the citizens of Winnebago County as served by the VAC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County, Illinois as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. That the preliminary paragraphs set forth above are incorporated herein as part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Adoption of Schedule. That during its regularly scheduled meeting in the months of January and July of each year, the VACWC shall review the unreleased Minutes of Closed Sessions and then and there for each such unreleased Minutes vote either to release for public inspection and copying or vote to keep said unreleased Minutes as confidential in compliance with Section 2.06(d) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect after its passage and approval, and publication, if any, as may be required by law.

Section 4. Severability. In the event that any section, clause, provision, or part of this Resolution shall be found and determined to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, all valid parts that are severable from the invalid parts shall remain in full force and effect.

RESOLVED by the Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County, Illinois
on this the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Terrell Lewis, President
Veterans Assistance Commission of
Winnebago County, Illinois

ATTEST:

Debi Hoover, VAC-A
Secretary
Veterans Assistance Commission of
Winnebago County, Illinois

AYES: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

PRESENT: _____

Impact Statement

Funding Cuts: Veterans Assistance Commission of Winnebago County (VACWC)

Submitted on behalf of Rosecrance Veterans Services

The Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) plays an indispensable role in ensuring our local veterans receive the support, advocacy, and resources they have rightfully earned.

Any reduction or loss of funding to the VAC would have a profound and damaging impact on the veterans we serve daily through Rosecrance Veterans Services.

VAC support is not simply helpful, but it is foundational to the work we do. The VAC provides:

Veteran Service Officers (VSOs): Without them, many of our veterans would lose access to expert guidance when navigating VA claims, appeals, and benefits.

Financial Assistance: Many veterans face housing instability, vehicle dilemmas, utility shut-offs, and so much more. The VAC steps in where no one else can, offering emergency relief to keep veterans housed, safe, and secure.

Discharge Upgrades: For veterans with less-than-honorable discharges due to circumstances like PTSD, MST, or substance use, VAC helps fight for the justice and dignity they deserve.

Disability Claims Support: The VAC is often the only bridge between a veteran and the disability compensation that can be life-changing for them and their families.

At Rosecrance, we rely on the VAC as a critical partner. We regularly refer veterans to their services, coordinate case management around their involvement, and often advocate alongside them. To remove or weaken the VAC is to fracture the safety net that ensures our veterans don't fall through the cracks.

As a Marine and a leader in this space, I can tell you without question, the VAC stands shoulder to shoulder with us in serving those who've already served this country. Without them, our mission becomes severely handicapped.

In summary, defunding or underfunding the VAC isn't just a budgetary decision—it's a decision with real-life consequences for the men and women who defended our freedoms. We urge decision-makers to consider the ripple effect such a cut would have—not only on organizations like ours but on every veteran in Winnebago County.

Franco, Brandon W.

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Veterans Services Team Leader

US Marine Corps Veteran

Rosecrance Behavioral Health

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