



# Sullivan County

## Veterans Committee

### Meeting Agenda - Final

100 North Street  
Monticello, NY 12701

Chairman Luis Alvarez  
Vice Chairman George Conklin  
Committee Member Nicholas Salomone Jr.  
Committee Member Nadia Rajszt  
Committee Member Ira Steingart

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**Thursday, June 1, 2023**

**11:00 AM**

**Government Center**

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#### **Call To Order and Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Opening Remarks - Luis Alvarez, Chairman**

#### **Commanders Reports - Veterans Service Organizations**

#### **Director's Report**

1. Referred local veterans & families in crisis to the Community Assistance Center
2. Worked with local organizations, Vet 2 Vet (ATI) and local law enforcement to streamline mental health intake and transportation for VA inpatient treatment. We are currently working with Senator Gillibrand on a VA policy change that would implement expedited claims processing for veterans being released from inpatient Mental Health and drug and alcohol dependency.
3. Established a Veteran referral process with the Center for Workforce Development to increase the number of Veterans utilizing career training programs.
4. We will be participating in the Center for Workforce Development's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) again this year.
5. We held our annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Sullivan County Veterans Cemetery on Monday, May 29th at 1:00 pm.
6. Thank You to my Supervision, County Legislators, fellow Directors and the Sullivan County Veterans Coalition for implementing the NEW Local Veterans Medical Transportation Program that entered into service on May 8th.
7. PACT Act claims are finally being adjudicated by VA. DOD estimates 3.5 million veterans will seek benefits due to burn pit exposure. Processing began on January 1st, 2023 and the VA has received 186,000 new claims related to PACT Act, in 3 months' time. The current number of claims received by the VA has climbed to over 213,000 as of May 1st.

**Public Comment**

**Resolutions:**

**Adjourn**