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Q1

Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	James Schultz
Organization (if any):	AMVETS Post 66
City/Town:	Wheeling
State:	IL
ZIP:	60090

Q2

Cook County Veterans Committee Meeting 5/24/2023 9a

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VACCC

Q4

REGISTER IN FAVOR of a specific item (You may add written comments below)

What do you want to do?

Q5

Written Statement? You can type or copy/paste any written statement you want included in the meeting record here. If this is not enough space, or you have other attachments for distribution, please email them to cookcounty.board@cookcountyil.gov

I fully support expanded funding of the VACCC, to meet the needs of Cook County's 130,000 + Veterans

Q6

Submitting written testimony only

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Q7

If requesting to address the Board or Committee live (virtually or in-person), please provide an email address and phone number (This is required to receive and an invitation to the virtual meeting).

Email Address

jameseschultz@comcast.net

Phone Number

8476872097

Q8

No

If addressing the Board or Committee live (in-person or virtually), do you require translation services?

Q9

Other (please specify language):

If yes, which language do you need translated?

N/A

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Witness Name:	John "Dutch" DeGroot
City/Town:	Mount Prospect
State:	IL
ZIP:	60056

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23-2081

Q4

PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENT FOR INFORMATION ONLY (You may add written comments below)

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First I wish to thank the Commission of Cook County and the Veterans Committee for their support of the VACCC and state the position of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

As you may know the VFW has been a very active proponent of the VAC Act P.A. 86-1324 and have been closely monitoring the results. To be frank the passage of this bill has seen a stimulation of veterans organizations throughout our state. The long term results with the addition of VA certified Veteran Service Officers shall be incredibly positive for not only our veterans, but municipalities, counties, and the entire state.

Statistics now point to Illinois being by veteran population size ranked 50th with even some of the territories ranking above us in service connected claims being adjudicated. The addition of certified VSO's shall result in more claims being processed thus more federal dollars coming into our communities. These dollars in turn are turned over some speculate to a 4 times factor which of course become revenue. This revenue helps businesses as well as a boom to communities and of course add to taxes that come back to the municipalities.

The VACCC properly funded shall also be able to increase services to many of our veterans and their families, which is their mandated mission. We the veterans service organizations are the oversight. The increased involvement of not only the VFW but other organizations is making a difference not only in Cook County but in counties state wide.

The only item we would question is to have the Cook County Veterans Administration be required to serve in some capacity as a none voting member or other fixture on the VACCC. This seems contrary to the VAC act unless the director where a delegate from a post or eligible member. The Illinois OMA certainly allows anyone to attend and speak, s not sure if that clause is necessary.

Again I applaud the Commission of Cook County for their support and continued support as the VACCC grows into a true leader among VAC's.

V/R Dutch DeGroot

Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Illinois

Asst. Legislative Chairman

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Email Address

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Phone Number

847-814-2585

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Respondent skipped this question

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Q9 Respondent skipped this question

If yes, which language do you need translated?

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Please provide some basic information

Witness Name:	Thomas E Boyd
Organization (if any):	Self
City/Town:	Chicago
State:	IL
ZIP:	60631

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23-2081

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I believe the ordinance should stay as originally written. The Cook County Veterans Committee should not change any of the veterans assistance programs that are now in place.

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Email Address **b12873@juno.com**

Phone Number **7737922158**

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