



## ILLINOIS JOINING FORCES

*Supporting Service Members, Veterans  
and their Families*

### Illinois Joining Forces

### Board Meeting Minutes – October 17, 2023

#### Attendees:

Erica Borggren – Chairwoman	John DeBlasio – Vice Chairman	Senator Wilcox
Rep. Stephanie Kifowit – Treasurer	Matt Schachman – Secretary	Terry Prince
John Schwan	Terry Prince	Megan Everett
Nick Gross	General Neely	

#### Not in attendance:

Senator Castro

#### Minutes:

- Meeting Called to Order
- Roll Call – Quorum confirmed

1. **Intro to Command SSG Major Salami**
2. **Appreciation and Farewell to Jim Dolan**
3. **Review of FY 2024 Proposed Budget**

Illinois Joining Forces developed a new budget template this year to be able to show activities directly tied to the restricted funds associated with the IWAP contract and SSG Fox grant.

Below is a summary of significant changes made in comparison to last year's budget.

#### **Items to Highlight Revenue:**

1. Renewal of the SSG Fox Grant
2. Implementation of the IWAP service contract
3. Additional fundraising revenue due to a successful August event
4. Addition of the Duchossois Family Foundation Grant
5. Addition of a contract with LSSI
6. Potential addition of a Veteran of the Year Event (This is in the budget as a revenue neutral)

#### **Items to Highlight Expenses:**

1. Addition of 2 new positions – Regional Outreach, Education, and Community Engagement Specialist. (These positions are part of a re-organization with the resignation of Jim Dolan)
2. Addition of allotted funds for staff bonuses.
3. Addition of allotted funds for benefits
4. Increased consultant fees to allow for an IT consultant aligned with the Duchossois Grant deliverables.
5. Increase in Community partner support – aligning with the McCormick and Duchossois grants. -

Overall, IJF is expecting a budget surplus this year. This surplus will allow IJF to sustain activities and support growth in the years to come.

**Resolution: Board voted unanimously to Approve the proposed FY 2024 Budget**