

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2017

Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:04 PM with President Bob Bend presiding and Bob Coulter leading us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board members: President Bob Bend, Vice- President Celeste Latham, Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey, and Treasurer John Davis were present.

Employees: Tammy Anderson, Luz Maria Gilkey, Linda Drake, Tim Stubinger, Jill Peacock and Renee McGuan were present

New In Attendance: None

Public Comment: Linda Drake mentioned Corn Beef & Cabbage Tickets available for sale at the door and to-goes available

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Boorsma made the motion for approval of the February minutes. Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

There is \$4,563.30 currently in the checking account. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 16 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 22 Veterans transported in 16 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$264.12 in monthly benefits and \$3,280.75 in retroactive benefits. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills of \$41,954.29 subject to audit, Donald Jones, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call of votes. Training is June 10-17, 2017 in San Diego CA. Accreditation is every other year we are taking Tim Stubinger this year. Tammy mentioned the awardance meeting with Congressman Hultgren, Hughes Turner the head of The Chicago Regional Office, and Steve Brennen Director of Hines. Notice of Disagreement (NOD) are in-house appeals taking at least 3yrs to be reviewed, an example: If an NOD is put in today 2017 the review time frame would be 2020. We are working with the VA Regional Office to request a review of two Comp & Pen Exam Doctors – they do not treat the Veterans with respect & have the Veterans best interest. Some Comp & Pen Exams are being contracted out to local doctors with some appointment issues.

Committee Reports:

Frank Beierlotzer, our committee Chairman, provided us with a flyer of various functions. The coffee Meet-n-Greet have been going very well, the next Meet-n-Greet is April 12 at 9:30am at Barb City Manor. Post Everlasting American Legion Council will be at the Genoa Veterans Home. Memorial weekend Steak Dinner at the Genoa Veterans Home hosted by Genoa American Legion. See the flyer for more details on activities.

Old Business:

Renee McGuan gave an updated report for The Wall That Heals. There is approximately \$9,000.00 in the Bank, half of the fees for the Wall and half of the fees for the tent and chairs have already been paid. Money, is coming in steady, today \$350 came in. We have a painting fundraiser coming up Saturday, March 25 7pm at the Sycamore Vets Club. Our speaker for the Wall ceremony Thursday is Albert "Swede" Ekstrom, Vietnam Veteran, Friday is Allen Lynch, Medal of Honor Recipient – Vietnam, Saturday Denise Meehan, Gold Star Mother, and Sunday is Col. Randy Larsen, USAF Retired. We need Volunteers for set up and request will be going out soon.

Tammy Anderson asked about the inclusion of the bylaws from last month meeting, since no other issues were stated, a vote was made to include the changes to the DCVAC By-Laws. Everyone was asked to take a second to review, a motion by Mike Boorsma for House Bill 6560 amendments to DCVAC By-Laws, second by Don Jones.

As of January 2017, the DCVAC Board Secretary will send out an annual renewal form to each post and/or organization requesting the most current Commander, Delegate, and Alternate. This form must be signed by the Commander and returned no later than 60 days from the date of the letter. As of this date, four Organizations need to complete this form for this year.

FOIA and OMA need to be completed by some of the members. An email will be sent out to those that have not submitted them yet.

New Business:

Renee McGuan passed out a new form for posting of Organizations activities to be posted in our office electronic bulletin board. Therefore, we can advertise more for each of our organizations. Please include all information, if you do not want the information posted; please include the office in your activities. Tammy Anderson mentioned our County would be open to posting on their calendar or at the very least; we could have a calendar style information on our website.

For the Good of the Commission

Tammy Anderson stated to the Sycamore VFW & American Legion members that the DeKalb County Facilities Management Office (FMO) will be responsible for changing the American Flag, Illinois and POW flags at the Court House. If any Veteran notices that the flags need to be replaced prior to the designated times from FMO, please contact this office and we will notify FMO of this important discrepancy. FMO will not be putting up any other flags for the courthouse lawns.

The Illinois Veterans I-Served license plates are available. They take about two weeks to receive and cost \$29 for the first issuance and free after that. If you request anything special/personalized, it will take longer to receive. We do have the forms, you need your disability letter stating 50% or more VA rated Disabled. If you need detail on this all the information is listed on the Secretary of State website.

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Walz to adjourn, seconded by Mike Boorsma with no opposition.

Meeting closed at 7:32 PM

Respectfully Submitted – Luz Maria Gilkey – Secretary



**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2017
STATE OF THE BUDGET**



VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity
Phone	211
Office	136
Outreach/Home Visits	7
Email/Mail	35
Fax	16
Other	36
Total Employee Communications	441

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$10,060.00	\$19,820.00	\$29,880.00
To Date	\$11,905.12	\$27,447.75	\$39,352.87

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$6,238.00
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$260.71
Salaries & Benefits	\$25,326.14
Training, Meetings, & Travel	\$2,261.34
Office Expenses	\$507.31
Public Relations	\$0.00
Total	\$34,593.50

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	15	\$5,995.00
Other		
Drivers Per Diem		\$243.00
Total	15	\$6,238.00

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips		16
Transported		22
Miles		2809
Fuel (gallon)		136.5
Fuel Cost		\$260.71
Maintenance		\$0.00
Total		\$260.71

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	100%	\$500,000.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	-14%	-\$72,481.89
EXPEDITURES	-7%	-\$34,593.50
BALANCE	79%	\$392,924.61

Restricted Fund Balance **\$619,300.79**



DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month of March 2017
Veterans Assistance / Transportation



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			
DeKalb	\$ 3,195.00	8	13
Fairdale			
Genoa			3
Hinckley	\$ 400.00	1	
Kingston			2
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona	\$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	\$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	\$ 1,600.00	4	4
Waterman			
Total	\$ 5,995.00	15	22

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The Veterans Coffee Meet and Greet, 9:30am

are a way for any and all veterans and others to meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The host sites provide the coffee, lemonade and treats. The next host site is Wednesday, April 12th, Barb City Manor, 815-756-8444 and the following is Wednesday, May 10th, Grand Victorian of Sycamore, 815-895-1900

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00pm, Post Everlasting

Followed by the DeKalb County American Legion Council Meeting at the Genoa Veterans Home

Saturday, May 27, Memorial Weekend Steak Dinner

Hosted by the Genoa American Legion, 311 S. Washington St., Genoa, Illinois, \$15.00 per person RSVP prepaid. Contact 815-784-5967

Monday, May 29, 6:45am, The Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast,

DeKalb, Illinois at DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, 209 S. Annie Glidden Road, \$10.00 RSVP prepaid, \$15.00 pay at the door. Contact Frank Beierlotzer, ffb66@juno.com to prepay.

Monday, May 29, 7:30am, staging for the Keynote Military

VIP Motorcycle/Motorcade Escort, Kick Stands Up at 8:10am and leave at 8:15am. Starts at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765 in DeKalb and goes to the Memorial Park in DeKalb, to the DeKalb Parade, to Malta and then to Genoa. Will be in 3 parades in DeKalb, Malta and Genoa. (Put an American Flag on your vehicle)

(2 wheelers, 3 wheelers, 4 wheelers and all wheelers welcome)

Wednesday, July 12th, Motorcycle/Motorcade to escort

THE WALL THAT HEALS to Sycamore, Illinois

July 13th-16th, 2017, Vietnam Veteran Memorial Wall

THE WALL THAT HEALS

East Sycamore Park, Sycamore, Illinois

10th Annual Veterans Weekend, Saturday, July 15th, Motorcycle/Motorcade

Honoring our Senior Veterans and ending at THE WALL THAT HEALS

List provided by: DeKalb County Forty and Eight, Voiture 207 of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Grande Voiture d' Illinois (04-05-2017)

Frank Beierlotzer, 815-758-5788,

E-mail ffb66@juno.com

Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast, 6:45am, Monday, 05-29-17

This is the 26th breakfast in a row that has been held on Memorial Day in DeKalb County. The first three years were called the Breakfast with the General. Since then it has been called the Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast. Last year was the 2nd year that it was held at the DeKalb Illinois Elks Lodge 765.

Thank you Elks.

2017 Activities in and around DeKalb County, Illinois

Mon, May 29, 8:10am, Kick Stands Up at 8:10am
Keynote Military VIP Motorcycle/Motorcade Escort,
Starts 8:15am from the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765 and
heads to DeKalb Memorial Park,
to the DeKalb Parade, to Malta and then to Genoa

Mon, May 29, 8:30am, Memorial Day Service, DeKalb Memorial Park

Mon, May 29, 9:00am, DeKalb Memorial Day Parade & Service

Mon, May 29, 9:00am, (4) Lee/Shabbona/Waterman area cemetery Memorial Services

Mon, May 29, 9:00am, Maple Park Memorial Day Service and lunch

Mon, May 29, 9:30am, Hinckley Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 29, 10:00am, Kingston Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 29, 10:00am, Sycamore Memorial Day Service, Parade & Service

Mon, May 29, 10:00am, Creston Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 29, 10:00am, Malta Memorial Day Service at the Methodist Church,
Short Parade & Wreath Laying Service

Mon, May 29, 11:00am, Waterman Memorial Day Service *U.S. Park where train is*

Mon, May 29, 11:00am, Sandwich Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 29, 11:30am, Genoa Memorial Day Parade

Mon, May 29, Noon, Genoa Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 20, 1:00pm, Genoa Memorial Day \$4 Buffet, Genoa Veterans Home

A special thank you to Alpha Battery of the 2/122nd Field Artillery Unit

The DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission is a county wide veterans support organization assisting all veterans. Contact them at 815-756-8129 or 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, Suite A for assistance. You do not need to be a member of any veteran organization for them to assist you with your benefits.