

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2017

Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:00 PM with President Bob Bend presiding and Herb Holderman 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, Lindsay Gorski and Jill Peacock were present

New In Attendance: Chris Brundies, Chairman of the Veterans for the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks Lodge #1392, was present.

Public Comment: Sycamore Elk's Lodge #1392 presented DeKalb County Commission with a \$500.00 donation for the Traveling Wall Program in July 2017.

Meeting Minutes:

Gene Ege made the motion for approval of the April minutes. Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

There is \$4,653.30 currently in the checking account. Gene Ege 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 15 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 22 Veterans transported in 17 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$10,816.00 in monthly benefits and \$2,818.00 in retroactive benefits. The report shows credits for travel and dinner for reimbursement of expenses for the training in June. Minor maintenance expense for 2014 Vehicle. Don Jones made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills of \$32,545.35 subject to audit, Gene Ege, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call of votes.

We have a new VSO in training, Lindsay Gorski, whose husband is active duty Army. She has experience with the Department of Defense (DOD) programs and Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

Committee Reports:

Frank Beierlotzer our committee Chairman provided us with a flyer, he was not in attendance, but Luz Maria Gilkey mentioned the various functions. Sign-up sheet for Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast Monday, May 29, 2017. There is a possibility of Frank turning this program over to the City of Sycamore next year, making this his last role as MC. The next coffee Meet-n-Greet with local nursing home Veterans will be May 10 at 9:30am at the Grand Victorian of Sycamore. See flyer for more details and additional community activities.

Old Business:

Chuck Fish gave an update for The Wall That Heals. The balance in The Wall that Heals account is \$17,527.08, which does not include the \$500.00 just donated by the Sycamore Elk's Lodge. Chuck presented a map of how everything will be setup for the event. There will be a trailer from Holiday RV on site, the audio system personnel, and many opportunities for displays. Event signage is needed and will approximately cost around \$3,000. The second payment for The Wall of \$3,500.00 has to be additionally paid out of these funds. A discussion was made if there is an excess of remaining funds, a possibility of providing branches of the service flag poles by the DCVAC Office.

Luz Maria Gilkey mentioned the next painting fundraiser and provided the flyer; this fundraiser will be held at the Elks Lodge in DeKalb Friday, May 12, 2017 with 6pm check in and 7 to 9:30pm painting.

New Business:

None

For the Good of the Commission

Luz Maria Gilkey provided updated flyer for the previously named MMU now to be known as Hines Community Outreach Team (HCOT), which consist of an RN – Registered Nurse, Eligibility Clerk and DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) Veteran Service Officer (VSO). May 18th Linda Drake will be present but not HCOT. May 25th the whole team will be there.

June 19, 2017 will be our next DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting, which is a week later due to the training San Diego. A decision has not been made at this time as to whether the office will be closed during that week. Lindsay Gorski will be attending the Accreditation Class, while Tammy Anderson, Luz Maria Gilkey & Linda Drake will be attending the Continuing Education Units (CEU)

Tammy Anderson will also be attending the training for Certified Veteran Advocate (CVA) taught by Christina Eagles

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Walz to adjourn, seconded by Don Jones with no opposition.

Meeting closed at 7:22 PM

Respectfully Submitted – Luz Maria Gilkey – Secretary



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



VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity
Phone	286
Office	136
Outreach/Home Visits	5
Email/Mail	76
Fax	50
Other/Forms	65
Total Employee Communications	618

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$6,126.00	\$11,815.00	\$17,941.00
To Date	\$28,847.12	\$42,080.75	\$70,927.87

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran	(Itemized Below)	\$7,290.00
Vehicle Expenses	(Itemized Below)	\$332.30
Salaries & Benefits		\$26,623.63
Training & Meetings		\$592.59
Office Expenses		\$709.07
Public Relations		\$0.00
Total		\$35,547.59

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	15	\$5,945.00
Other	Kishwaukee Driving School	\$1,000.00
Drivers Per Diem		\$345.00
Total	15	\$7,290.00

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	19	
Transported	22	
Miles	3332	
Fuel (gallon)	152.7	
Fuel Cost		\$302.35
Maintenance		\$29.95
Total		\$332.30

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	100%	\$500,000.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	-28%	-\$139,620.74
EXPEDITURES	-7%	-\$35,547.59
BALANCE	65%	\$324,831.67

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



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



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			
DeKalb	\$ 3,145.00	8	13
Fairdale			
Genoa			3
Hinckley	\$ 400.00	1	
Kingston			2
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona	\$ 400.00	1	1
Somonauk	\$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	\$ 1,600.00	4	2
Waterman			1
Total	\$ 5,945.00	15	22

DeKalb County Veterans Tribute Group



Help us bring

THE WALL THAT HEALS



THE TRAVELING VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

to Sycamore, Illinois on July 13-16, 2017

Here are some ways you can help:

- Volunteer in the planning process
 - Volunteer at the event
 - Donate
- Share on Social Media



For more information contact Steve 815-433-1761 or Renee at 815-756-8129

Visit our website at DeKalbCountyWall.com

Volunteer sign up is now available on our website!!!



Please Pass and Post!
Veteran Employment Representative
MIKE RUFFNER
MICHAEL.RUFFNER@ILLINOIS.GOV
815-334-2792
500 RUSSEL CT
WOODSTOCK, IL 60098

FOLLOWING LOCATIONS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Illinois Worknet Center

650B North Peace Road, DeKalb, IL 60115

DEKALB VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
Health Facility - Community Outreach Building

2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, Suite A, DeKalb, IL 60115



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**Wednesday, July 12th, Motorcycle/Motorcade
to escort **THE WALL THAT HEALS****

10:00am from Yorkville to Sycamore, Illinois

(Staging (9:00am) will be at Rte 47 & Rte 71, Traveling from Yorkville thru
Plano, Sandwich, Somonauk, Waterman, DeKalb & Sycamore

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

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

THE WALL THAT HEALS

East Sycamore Park, Sycamore, Illinois

Motorcycle/Motorcade, 10th Annual Veterans Weekend,

Saturday, July 15th, 8:30am staging at HyVee in Sycamore,
to honor senior veterans at eight locations in DeKalb County and ending at

THE WALL THAT HEALS in the East Sycamore Park

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

Saturday, August 5th, 1st Annual Dean Clark Ride

Starts in Aurora, (Staging 11:45am) at O'Leary's Pub & Restaurant, 260 E. Lincoln Hwy, DeKalb,
Dean Clark Toast at NOON, safety brief 12:15am, KSU 12:30pm, Ride from O'Leary's to Dean's
mother's house in Pingree Grove for BBQ. **All proceeds after costs go to Dean's mother.**

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, August 9th** at Oak Crest DeKalb Area Retirement Center, 815-756-8461.
Wednesday, September 13th, Heritage Woods in DeKalb, 815-787-6500. Wednesday, October 11th,
Lincolnshire Place in Sycamore, 815-895-9870.

Please email ffb66@juno.com for more information or to be placed on the email list for future events. 2017MotorcycleRides.021

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PRESS RELEASE

06-19-2017

For Immediate Release

THE WALL THAT HEALS is scheduled for display, July 13th - 16th, 2017 at the East Sycamore Park off Airport Road, in Sycamore, Illinois. The Wall That Heals Committee is looking for volunteers to help set the wall up upon arrival on the 12th, help during the display of the wall from the 13th through the 16th and especially help to take it down on the 16th.

To volunteer, go to website www.dekalbcountywall.com.

The committee is planning to have a Motorcycle/Motorcade escort of the WALL from Yorkville, Illinois to Sycamore, Illinois on Wednesday, July 12th. Staging will be in Yorkville (Rte 47 & Rte 71) at 9:00am. Safety brief at 9:45am. Depart at 10:00am. The escort is for 2 wheelers, 3 wheelers and 4 wheelers and will travel through Yorkville, Plano, Sandwich, Waterman, DeKalb and Sycamore. For more information on the escort, please contact Frank Beierlotzer at ffb66@juno.com or 815-901-3834.

The Wall That Heals Committee, Public Relations Officer
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