DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

American Legion Posts 66, 99, 181, 337, 598, 654, 772, 1010
AmVets Post 90
DeKalb County VietNow
Marine Corps League Detachment 847
Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 1486, 2287, 5768 and 8387
40 et 8 Voiture 207

President - Bob Bend, Vice-President Celeste Latham, Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey, Treasurer John Davis

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Meeting Agenda for
December 10, 2018
Meetings start at 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Roll Call of Delegates & Alternates

IV. Public Comment

V. Reading & Approval of the November 2018 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurers' Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
- **a. Approval of Expenses**

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
- **a. Nominations for Commission Elected Positions and elections**

XI. For the Good of the Commission
- **a. Christmas Checks**

XII. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 5, 2018

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

Meeting started at 7:00 pm with President Bob Bend presiding. Bob Coulter led us in the pledge of allegiance.

Board Members Present: President Bob Bend, Vice-President Celeste Latham, and Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey

Employees Present: Tammy Anderson, Luz Maria Gilkey, Tim Stubinger, and Jill Peacock.

New In Attendance: None

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: October 15, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Chuck Fish to accept, and seconded by Jim Cox - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: $5,168.30 in account. Motion was made by Chuck Fish to accept, and seconded by Bob Coulter – Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendents' Report: Last month the Commission helped 13 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling $5,075.00. There were 55 Veterans transported on 32 trips to the VA Medical Centers earning the Drivers' Per Diem of $620. Monthly Retro about $112,351.00 and collected $47,219.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total Employee Activity approximately 1,157 contacts. The October Expenses totaled $31,072.36. Motion was made by Chuck Fish to pay monthly bills - seconded by Jim Cox. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Report: Frank Beierlotzer mentioned 24hr Vigil see flyer for details. Luz Gilkey also mentioned another flyer you can distribute for 24hr Vigil see back of Frank's flyer.

Old Business: Tammy stated that drivers are needed – please see the attached flyer for details & spread the word.

Tammy also mentioned the Legion Riders "Christmas Luncheon with a Veteran" see flyer for details. Tickets are available with her or at the Veterans club.

Frank asked about The Surprise 100th Birthday Celebration of Army Veteran Anton Berg - it went extremely well. Frank also mentioned the lady in charge of the Honor Flight retired but under new Leadership. We will check as to who will be running it now.

New Business: Tammy mentioned Tim Stubinger will be at the Senior Center in Sandwich for a luncheon on Wednesday and will pass out info. Hospice will be there and so will someone from American Legion Sandwich. An Honor Flight attendee will also be there.

Please let Veterans know about **VCARE** a company from the Middle East. Tammy had received notification from a Veteran's family that money was taken out of their deceased Veteran's checking account. The only connection we see is Veteran's family had requested a Bronze Niche from VA. We have Inspector General looking into.

Gene Ege mentioned that the American Legion is working on Vietnam & Korean War gaps in service so those Veterans can be eligible for enrollment. Celeste Latham stated to open all dates and be inclusive, it would have to be passed in Congress.

IMPORTANT!!!!! ALL ALTERNATE & DELEGATE FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED & RETURNED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 30TH 2019!!!!!!!

Tammy Anderson mentioned last Friday, November 2, 2018 from 10am to about 3pm, we had a VSO Summit here in DeKalb. We had approximately 7 different County VACs present, with an attendance of over 25 VSOs. We went over new procedures for Pension (changed Oct 18, 2018), change in Property Tax Exemption Prorating (Aug 2018), and we discussed policies in other offices to help work towards continuity. This has been the 4th VSO Summit, this is the2nd one we have hosted. The next one will be at the DuPage County VAC.

Nominations for elections

1) President – Celeste Latham

2) Vice-President – Chuck Fish

3) Secretary - Luz Maria Gilkey

4) Treasurer - Open

5) Director 1 – Bob Bend

Nominations were closed until next DCVAC meeting in December 2018. Elections will be conducted as soon as nominations are closed at the December meeting.

For the Good of the Commission: Celest Latham mentioned Sandwich is hosting a fundraiser for a parking lot from 12 to about 7pm with entertainment from 4 to 5.

The Hines VAMC Outreach calendar is attached.

Every Second Monday of the month HCOT comes to the COB in DeKalb & the 3rd Thursday of the month they are at the Sandwich Post.

Veterans Day is observed by the County on November 12th. Businesses have events on November 11th & 12th ie., oil changes, free lunch at Texas Road House, Culvers, Taco Bell, etc. Schools are Honoring our Veterans with ceremonies of Honor & Remembrance.

Being no further business Steve Walz made a motion to adjourn - seconded by Jim Cox 7:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF November 2018
STATE OF THE BUDGET

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	182	2820
Office	91	1440
Outreach/Home Visits	6	48
Email/Mail	47	752
Fax	16	300
Other/Forms	91	1084
Total Employee Communications	433	6444
Total Employee Activity	897	12359

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly Award	$16,625.00	$350,318.00
Retro	$101,408.00	$905,881.00
Total	$118,033.00	$1,256,199.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$33,586.13	$328,181.00
Training & Meetings		$1,831.38	$19,218.42
Office Expenses		$863.30	$10,592.63
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$23,000.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	14	$5,525.00	$64,805.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$640.00	$4,990.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$622.57	$4,540.44
Maintenance		$130.30	$5,444.15
	Totals	$43,198.68	$460,771.64

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	34	285
Hours Donated	238.5	1967.5
Transported	57	400
Miles	6376	52039
Fuel (gallon)	256.20	1972.20

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$489,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-85%**	**-$417,572.96**
EXPEDITURES	**-9%**	**-$43,198.68**
BALANCE	**6%**	**$28,228.36**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month of November 2018
Veterans Assistance / Transportation

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			1
DeKalb	$ 2,325.00	6	40
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 400.00	1	3
Hinckley	$ 400.00	1	
Kingston			1
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich			2
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	1
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 1,600.00	4	8
Waterman			0
Total	$ 5,525.00	14	57

Hines Community Outreach

December

Come join the Hines Community Outreach team at one of our locations (see next page for details) for help with eligibility and enrollment, immunizations, minor health screenings, and medication reconciliation.

Choose VA

Choose Hines

For December, the Outreach team will have information regarding the environmental health registries.

To sign up for healthcare benefits please bring a copy of your DD214

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3 Morris Outreach (9A-2P)-Morris American Legion 212 W Washington St. Morris, IL	4 DuPage County Outreach (9A-2P)-VFW Post #3873 908 Jackson Ave Naperville, IL	5	6 Oak Park Senior Center (11:30A-12:30P)-Oak Park Township Senior Services 130 S Oak Park Ave Oak Park, IL	7	8
9	10 DeKalb County Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-DeKalb County VAC 2500 N Annie Glidden Rd	11	12 Minooka Outreach (9Ap-2P)-Minooka Village Hall 121 E McEvilly Rd Minooka, IL	13	14	15
16	17 Coal City Outreach (9A-2P)- 1752 E Division St Diamond, IL	18 Bolingbrook Outreach (9A-2P)-Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook, IL	19	20 Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL	21 Wheaton/Carol Stream Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #76 570 S Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28 Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL	29
30	31					

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December 10, 2018

Dear Veterans Organization,

In an effort to work better with the Veterans Organizations of DeKalb County our office has created a Facebook page. We would like it to be a central location for all the Veterans' Organizations in DeKalb County and hopefully increase VA benefits knowledge, membership in your organization, and participation to events by the Veteran and Non-Veteran Communities.

We have an events page where updates can be submitted the last Monday of each month. To have an event listed, you will need to provide, the event name, sponsoring organization, time, location, and event description. We have attached, the submission forms to this.

We would need contact information for your organization, To includes name, address, phone number, meeting times, link to your website and a short two to three sentence blurb about your organization and its mission.

We have distributed these forms before but would like to update you with new ones. Thank you for all your hard work you are doing for your organization and together we will raise, awareness for Veteran's benefits, your organization, and the DeKalb County Veterans' Community.

Sincerely,

Luz Maria Gilkey
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Veterans Organization Contact Information

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Meeting times and location: _____

Website Link: _____

2-3 sentence description of your organization

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I authorize DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) to use this information and post it to their website page. All the information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I will submit updates to the information in a timely manner and on the approved form from the DCVAC.

Commander/President/Commandant (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____

12/10/2018

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Veterans Organization Event

Sponsoring Organization: _____

Event Name: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Location: _____

Event Description: _____

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I authorize DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) to use this information and post it to their website page. All the information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I will submit updates to dcvac@dekalbcounty.org or by dropping this form off at the DCVAC office.

Commander/President/Commandant (Print) _____

Signature _____ Date _____