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

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Meeting Agenda for
November 5, 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 October 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

XII. Adjournment

2500 N. Annie Glidden Road
Suite A
DeKalb IL 60115
Phone 815-756-8129 Fax 815-748-2142

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2018

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

Meeting started at 7:00 pm with President Bob Bend presiding. Steve Walz 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: September 10, 2018 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Don Jones to accept, and seconded by Bob Coulter - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer was not present - No report.

Superintendents' Report: Last month the Commission helped 15 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling $5,895.00. There were 50 Veterans transported on 37 trips to the VA Medical Centers earning the Drivers' Per Diem of $660. Year to Date total Retro about $692,122.00 (a recent Retro-Recovery by Luz of over $116,000 is reflected in this month totals) and collected $23,309.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total Employee Activity approximately 1,127 contacts. The September Expenses totaled $43,959.20. Motion was made by Jim Cox to pay monthly bills - seconded by Don Jones. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Tammy stated that drivers are needed – please see the attached flyer for details & spread the word. Perdiem is given to each Driver per trip. We will need a copy of their Driver's license along with application. Other modes of transportation are available for Veterans from the VA Hospitals.

Legion Riders Christmas Luncheon with Veteran at the County Home December 15, 2018. Tom from the Country Store will be cooking Prime Rib and Chicken. Tickets are $25 a person, or you can donate a meal for a vet and their family member. You can also sign up to sponsor a Veteran for their Christmas wish list.

Please let us know if anything is happening at any of your facilities in your towns.

DCVAC will continue our Baskets for Christmas - complements of the Sycamore VFW Auxiliary. 35 baskets will be provided, if you know anyone in your community who would benefit from receiving a basket, please also let us know.

Committee Report: None

Old Business: The Surprise 100th Birthday Celebration of Army Veteran Anton Berg, went extremely well. Mr Berg was honored by many organizations & his peers.

New Business: None

For the Good of the Commission: The Hines VAMC Outreach calendar is attached. Flu shots should be available from the HCOT (Hines Community Outreach Team) every 2nd Monday of the month here at the Community Outreach Building (COB) and every 3rd Thursday in Sandwich.

Tim Stubinger was on WSPY Radio, performing a live interview of the services offered at DCVAC. He also did a PSA (Public Service Announcement) to be broadcast during space available timeframes. We also would like to congratulate Tim on his upcoming wedding.

Being no further business Steve Walz made a motion to adjourn - seconded by Don Jones 7:22pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey

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

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	228	2638
Office	141	1349
Outreach/Home Visits	4	42
Email/Mail	59	705
Fax	21	284
Other/Forms	88	993
Total Employee Communications	541	6011
Total Employee Activity	1157	11462

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly Award	$47,219.00	$333,693.00
Retro	$112,351.00	$804,473.00
Total	$159,570.00	$1,138,166.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$23,285.32	$294,594.87
Training & Meetings		$384.07	$17,387.04
Office Expenses		$1,028.90	$9,729.33
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$23,000.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	13	$5,075.00	$59,280.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$620.00	$4,350.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$619.67	$3,917.87
Maintenance		$59.40	$5,313.85
	Totals	$31,072.36	$417,572.96

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	32	251
Hours Donated	244.5	1729
Transported	55	343
Miles	6278	45663
Fuel (gallon)	267.10	1716.00

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$489,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-79%**	**-$386,500.60**
EXPEDITURES	**-6%**	**-$31,072.36**
BALANCE	**15%**	**$71,427.04**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

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

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			1
DeKalb	$ 2,275.00	6	34
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 400.00	1	1
Hinckley	$ 400.00	1	
Kingston			2
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich			4
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 1,200.00	3	12
Waterman			0
Total	$ 5,075.00	13	55

OUR VETERANS NEED YOUR HELP

DO YOU HAVE EXTRA TIME TO HELP OUT VETERANS?

DO YOU LOVE TO DRIVE?

WE PROVIDE THE VEHICLE AND YOU PROVIDE THE SAFE TRANSPORTATION.

!!!DRIVERS NEEDED!!!

They need your help to get the medical attention they have earned & need at Hines, Madison and other VA Medical Hospitals!

They need to be provided a Safe way To & From the Veteran's Home to the VA Medical Hospital.

GIVE US A CALL TODAY AND HELP A VETERAN

Resources for Veterans

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISION
2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Suite A, Dekalb, IL. 60115
Phone (815) 217-0415
Contact: Cindy Childress

Christmas Luncheon with a Veteran.

Saturday 15 December 11 AM at DeKalb County rehab & nursing facility 2600 N. Annie Glidden Rd DeKalb.

Join an older Vet for this Christmas luncheon. Have a great meal and share a little Christmas spirit with them as we celebrate Christmas together. Thank them for their service to our Country by spending some time at Christmas with them.

Tickets are twenty five dollars per meal. Choice of Prime rib or smoke house grilled chicken with sides and dessert. If you can't attend but would like to help these Veterans have a great Christmas there is donate only line on the bottom of the ticket.

Food is catered by Country Store and Catering in Sycamore.

Tickets must be purchased by Friday 7 December. No meal tickets will be sold at the event. Tickets available at the Sycamore Vet's club 121 S. California St, or the DeKalb County Veteran Assistance commission 2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd DeKalb Suite A

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS

Make checks payable to ALR Sycamore for tickets or donations. Please write in memo line meal or donation only.

For more details or questions e-mail to alrsycamore@gmail.com

VA | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Edward Hines, Jr. VA Hospital

Come Join Us!

VETERANS DAY

Ceremony & Resource Fair

All Veterans and their families are welcome to join us at Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital this Veterans Day as we recognize the men and women who have served our country.

When:
Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018
at 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Where:
Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital
5000 S. 5th Avenue - Hines, IL 60141
North parking lots

Veterans Day Events

Saturday, Nov. 10, 2018, Hines VA is hosting Veterans Day activities including a parade, recognition ceremony, resource fair, live entertainment and free lunch for our Veterans. The parade starts at 10 a.m. and expected participants in our Veterans Day events include:

- Chicago Bears mascot, Staley and the Chicago Bears Drumline
- Chicagoland Speedway car and mascot, Dash
- The Gary Sinise Foundation
- Hines Windy City Athletes
- Broadview and Riverside Fire Departments
- Allen Force Vet Tanks
- Ms. Illinois USA & Ms. Teen Illinois USA
- Hines Police
- Honor Flight
- Tiny Boots childcare (YWCA)
- Salvation Army
- Paralyzed Veterans of America
- American Red Cross
- American Legion Auxiliary Post 18
- Guitars For Veterans
- Lutheran Charities K9 Ministry

The ceremony takes place at 11 a.m. under the heated tent located in the North Lot B, outside the north entrance to Building 1. Our keynote speaker is Command Sgt. Maj., Mark Bowman, U.S. Army retired and our Veterans resource fair includes more than 20 participants from Hines and our community partners. Live entertainment will be provided by Guitars For Veterans and lunch for our Veterans will be provided by **Jewish War Veterans Post 54** and **The Gary Sinise Foundation**.

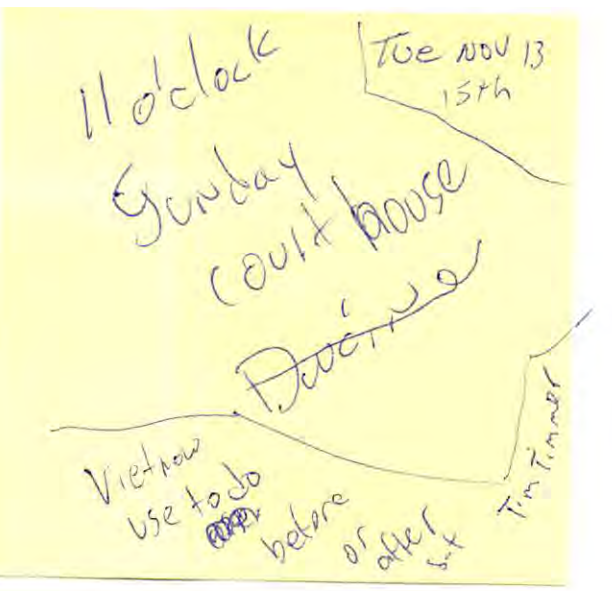
PRESS RELEASE 11-04-18 FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

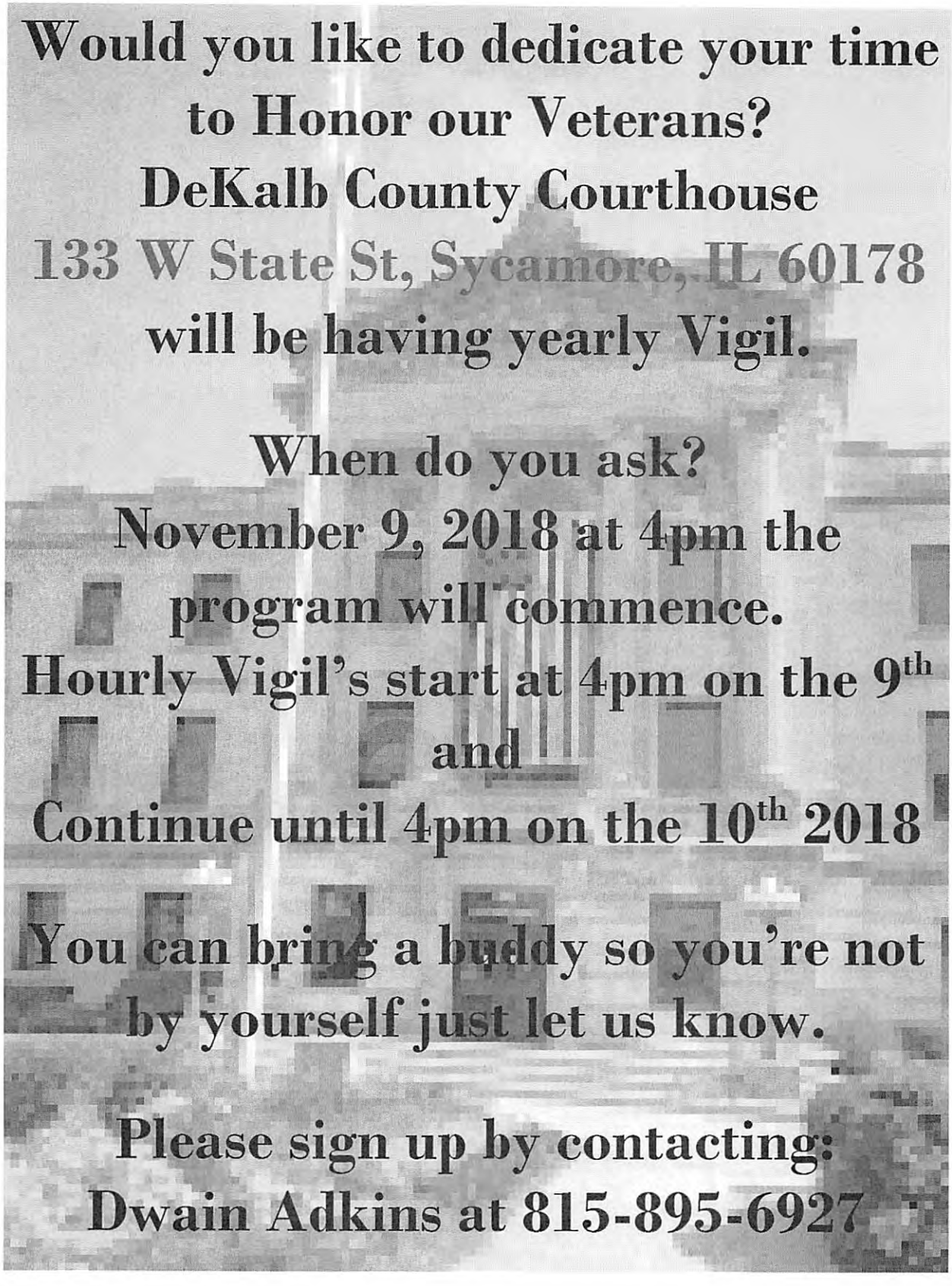
Help is needed for the 24 Hour Veteran Vigil at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore, Illinois. The over 100 American Flags will be set up on Wednesday, November 7th starting at 2:00pm and taken down on Tuesday, November 13th starting at 2:00pm.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, other youth groups, Veterans, Non-Veterans and anyone are invited to help set up and take down the American Flags.

The 24 Hour Veteran Vigil will be starting at 4:00pm on Friday, November 9th and ending at 4:00pm on Saturday, November 10th. Veterans are invited to help during the Vigil by standing a guard watch at any time during the 24 Hour Veteran Vigil.

Anyone interested in participating should contact Dwain Adkins at 815-895-6927 or at email adkinsdl@hotmail.com.




Would you like to dedicate your time
to Honor our Veterans?
DeKalb County Courthouse
133 W State St, Sycamore, IL 60178
will be having yearly Vigil.
When do you ask?
November 9, 2018 at 4pm the
program will commence.
Hourly Vigil's start at 4pm on the 9th
and
Continue until 4pm on the 10th 2018
You can bring a buddy so you're not
by yourself just let us know.
Please sign up by contacting:
Dwain Adkins at 815-895-6927

Hines Community Outreach

November

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.

For November, the Outreach team will have information regarding Lung Cancer Awareness Month and smoking cessation.

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

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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4	5 Morris Outreach (9A-2P)-Morris American Legion 212 W Washington St. Morris, IL	6 DuPage County Outreach (9A-2P)-VFW Post #3873 908 Jackson Ave Naperville, IL	7 Kankakee Outreach (9A-2P)-Kankakee Community College 100 College Dr Kankakee, IL	8	9	10 Hines 2nd Annual Veterans Day Event (10A-2P)-Hines VA Main Campus
11 Hines VA and Elmhurst Brewing Co. Veteran Resource Fair-(3P-6P)-Elmhurst Brewing Co. 171 N. Addison Ave Elmhurst, IL	12 Veteran's Day-Observed	13 DeKalb County Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-DeKalb County VAC 2500 N Annie Glidden Rd	14 Channahon Outreach (9Ap-2P)-Village of Channahon 24555 Navajo Dr Channahon, IL	15 Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL Will County Sheriff's TRIAD for Seniors (9A-12P)-Romeoville Public Library 201 W Normantown Rd Romeoville, IL	16 Wheaton/Carol Stream Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #76 570 S Gary Ave Carol Stream, IL	17 Wood Dale VFW Veterans Benefits Presentation (1P-4P)-Wood Dale VFW Post 2149-510 Georgetown Square Wood Dale, IL
18	19 Coal City Outreach (9A-2P)-1752 E Division St Diamond, IL	20 Bolingbrook Outreach (9A-2P)-Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook, IL	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26 Dwight Outreach (10A-1P)- Heritage Woods of Dwight 701 E Mazon Ave Dwight, IL	27 Iroquois County Outreach (10A-1P)-VAC Office 1001 Grant St Watseka, IL	28 Ottawa Outreach (10A-1P)-Ottawa American Legion 901 N LaSalle St Ottawa, IL	29	30 Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL	