DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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

President – Celeste Latham, Vice-President Chuck Fish, Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey, Treasurer Bob Coulter

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Meeting Agenda for
March 11, 2019
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 February 2018 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurers' Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
a. Approval of Expenses

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

February 11, 2019

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

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

Board Members Present: President Celeste Latham, Vice-President Chuck Fish, and Acting Secretary Timothy Stubinger

Employees Present: Tammy Anderson, Cindy Childress, Tim Stubinger, and Anna Noel.

New In Attendance: Manuel Olalde, New Alternate for American Legion Post 66 DeKalb. New DCVAC Anna Noel Administrative Specialist.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: January 14, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to accept, and seconded by Bob Bend - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: None Bob Coulter was not present

Superintendents' Report: Expense will be slightly off due to Dekalb County's annual end of year procedures (2018-2019). Last month the Commission helped 15 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling $5,925.00. There were 30 Veterans transported on 22 trips to the VA Medical Centers, with the Drivers' donating 157.5 hours with 3680 miles driven. Monthly Retro amount of $101,516.00 were collected with $12,638.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1,478 in actions. Fuel cost expense pending. The December expenses totaled $29,729.40. Motion was made by Jim Cox to pay monthly bills - seconded by Bob Bend. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Report: None

Old Business: Please complete your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) & Open meetings Act (OMA). Luz Maria Gilkey has sent out current reminders.

New Business: Tammy spoke of the DuPage County VSO Summit at Cantigny Park; these summits are designed to bring VSOs from separate counties together in order to discuss changes in policy and forms the VA has instituted. A big part of the discussion will be the changes with the VA Compensation claims as well as the changes in the Pension claims. The goal is to collaborate in order to provide the best service to Veterans. Steve Fixler is hosting the upcoming event.

There has also been changes regarding presumptive for Vietnam. Procopio v. Wilke is a new ruling regarding blue-water Navy Veterans and eligibility for Vietnam Presumptives. Ships that served within 12 miles from shore can qualify for In-country presumptive. It basically overturned Haas v. Peake which granted presumptive conditions only to those that served within the land borders. It was noted by the SecNav that no disability claims will be paid for Veterans stationed at Camp Lejeune, health care is still available, but the Navy will not pay claims on presumptive conditions due to Camp LeJeune service. Also, Bladder cancer, Thyroid cancer, and Parkinson's like symptoms are still on hold.

For the Good of the Commission: Frank Beierlotzer brought in the list of spring and summer activities for 2019. Beginning May 27th through November 10th there will be many activities to celebrate Veterans. Please come out and participate.

Bob Bend spoke of a channel 7 news report that there is a new VA App which allows Veterans to see their records. Tammy elaborated that it would be good for recent Veterans that already have digital records but, for Vietnam Veterans not so much since many of their records have not been digitized.

Manuel Olalde introduced himself as the Junior Vice for American Legion Post #66, and will be the new alternate and Michael Embrey will be the new delegate for Post #66.

Being No further business Steve Walz made a motion to adjourn- Seconded by Bob Bend Meeting 7:30

Respectfully Submitted by Acting Secretary Timothy Stubinger.

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2019
STATE OF THE BUDGET

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	235	429
Office	95	235
Outreach/Home Visits	4	9
Email/Mail	74	126
Fax	27	46
Other/Forms	244	491
Total Employee Communications	679	1336
Total Employee Activity	1213	2691

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$10,401.00	$23,039.00
Retro	$212,779.00	$314,295.00
Total	$223,180.00	$337,334.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$23,041.95	$46,721.35
Training & Meetings		$641.24	$766.24
Office Expenses		$3,604.93	$3,604.93
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$0.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	14	$5,525.00	$11,450.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$440.00	$440.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$276.85	$276.85
Maintenance		$52.27	$52.27
	Totals	$33,582.24	$63,311.64

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	22	48
Hours Donated	161.5	323.5
Transported	30	63
Miles	3680	7789
Fuel (gallon)	161.90	161.9

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$511,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-6%**	**-$29,729.40**
EXPEDITURES	**-7%**	**-$33,582.24**
BALANCE	**88%**	**$447,688.36**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month February 2019
Veterans Assistance / Transportation

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 3,125.00	8	24
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 400.00	1	
Hinckley	$ 400.00	1	
Kingston			1
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich			1
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 800.00	2	2
Waterman			1

Total	$ 5,525.00	14	30

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2019
STATE OF THE BUDGET

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	194	194
Office	140	140
Outreach/Home Visits	5	5
Email/Mail	52	52
Fax	19	19
Other/Forms	247	247
Total Employee Communications	657	657
Total Employee Activity	1478	1478

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$12,638.00	$12,638.00
Retro	$101,516.00	$101,516.00
Total	$114,154.00	$114,154.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$23,679.40	$23,679.40
Training & Meetings		$125.00	$125.00
Office Expenses		$0.00	$0.00
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$0.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	15	$5,925.00	$5,925.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$0.00	$0.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$0.00	$0.00
Maintenance		$0.00	$0.00
	Totals	$29,729.40	$29,729.40

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	26	22
Hours Donated	162	157.5
Transported	33	30
Miles	4109	3680
Fuel (gallon)	0.00	0

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$511,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**0%**	**$0.00**
EXPEDITURES	**-6%**	**-$29,729.40**
BALANCE	**94%**	**$481,270.60**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month January 2019
Veterans Assistance / Transportation

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			1
DeKalb	$ 3,125.00	8	17
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 400.00	1	2
Hinckley	$ 400.00	1	
Kingston			1
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich			2
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 1,200.00	3	9
Waterman			
Total	$ 5,925.00	15	33

Hines Community Outreach

March

March is Women's History Month!

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.

During March, we'll be celebrating Women's History Month with information on our Women's Health Program and some prominent women Veterans throughout history!

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
					1	2
3	4 Morris Outreach (9A-2P)-Morris American Legion 212 W Washington St. Morris, IL	5 DuPage County Outreach (9A-2P)-VFW Post #3873 908 Jackson Ave Naperville, IL	6	7 Prairie State College Veterans Resource Fair (9A-1P)-202 S. Halsted St Chicago Heights, IL	8	9
10	11 DeKalb County Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-DeKalb County VAC 2500 N Annie Glidden Rd	12	13 Channahon Outreach (9Ap-2P)-Village of Channahon 24555 Navajo Dr Channahon, IL	14	15 WorkNet DuPage Veteran Employment Workshop (9A-Noon)-2525 Cabot Drive Ste 302 Lisle, IL	16
17	18 Coal City Outreach (9A-2P)- 1752 E Division St Diamond, IL	19 Bolingbrook Outreach (9A-2P)-Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook, IL	20 Kankakee Outreach (9A-2P)-Kankakee Community College 100 College Dr Kankakee, IL	21 Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL	22 Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL	23
24	25 Dwight Outreach (10A-1P)- Heritage Woods of Dwight 701 E Mazon Ave Dwight, IL	26 Iroquois County Outreach (10A-1P)-VAC Office 1001 Grant St Watseka, IL	27 Ottawa Outreach (10A-1P)-Ottawa American Legion 901 N LaSalle St Ottawa, IL	28	29 Park Forest Library Veterans Event (9A-10A)-400 Lakewood Blvd Park Forest, IL	30
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List provided by: DeKalb County Forty and Eight, Voiture 207 of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Grande Voiture d' Illinois **(03-09-2019)**

2019 DeKalb County Area Memorial Weekend Related Activities:

Sun, May 26, , Several DeKalb Area Cemetery Memorial Services

Mon, May 27, 6:45am, **Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast**, DeKalb Elks Lodge, $10 per person RSVP prepaid, $15 at the door. Contact Frank Beierlotzer, 815-758-5788, ffb66@juno.com

Mon, May 27, 8:30am, Memorial Day Service, DeKalb Memorial Park

Mon, May 27, 9:00am, DeKalb Memorial Day Parade & Ellwood House Service

Mon, May 27, 9:00am, (4) Lee/Shabbona/Waterman area cemetery Memorial Services

Mon, May 27, 9:30am, Hinckley Memorial Day Service
Mon, May 27, 10:00am, Kingston Memorial Day Service
Mon, May 27, 10:00am, Sycamore Memorial Day Service, Parade & Service

Mon, May 27, 10:00am, Malta Memorial Day Service at the Methodist Church, Short Parade & Wreath Laying Service

Mon, May 27, 11:00am, Waterman Memorial Day Service
Mon, May 27, 11:00am, Sandwich Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 27, 11:30am, Genoa Memorial Day Parade
Mon, May 27, Noon, Genoa Memorial Day Service
Mon, May 27, 1:00pm, Genoa Memorial Day $4 Buffet, Genoa Veterans Home

TBD, Jun , TBD, Veterans Appreciation Dinner at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, **RSVP** at 815-756-6912

Sat, Jun 22, 9:00am, **12th Annual Veterans Weekend**, **Motorcycle/Motorcade**, DeKalb & Sycamore area retirement homes, rest homes and rehab facilities, **Honoring our Senior Veterans** and the POW/MIA Monument dedication at the Genoa Veterans Home (2 Wheelers, 3 Wheelers, 4 Wheelers and any vehicle) Contact Frank Beierlotzer at 815-758-5788

Sat, Jun 22, 3:00pm, **Balloons, Brews and Blues.** Hot Air Balloons, Craft Beers and Blues Music. Military displays. Contact Mike Embrey at 815-756-1263

Fri, Nov 08, 3:30pm, DeKalb County Courthouse 24 Hour Vigil Opening Ceremony
Fri, Nov 08, 4:00pm, DeKalb County Courthouse 24 Hour Vigil, Contact Dwain Adkins at 815-895-6927 (From Friday 4PM to Saturday 4PM)

The DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission is a county wide veteran organization assisting all veterans. Contact them at 815-756-8129.

For more information, email ffb66@juno.com

Saturday **06/22/19** HyVee Food Store **2700 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, IL**

12th Annual Veterans Weekend — DeKalb County 40&8, Voiture 207

Staging & Registrtation 8:00am to 8:45am | Safety Briefing (8:50am) | KSU (8:55am) | Leave **(9:00am)** | **ffb66@juno.com** **815-901-3834**

Rain or Shine, 2 wheelers, 3 wheelers, 4 wheelers, all wheelers and any vehicles

This is just a draft as of February 26, 2019

HONORING OUR SENIOR VETERANS

		Program Starts	Leave Time
Route Oakland Dr, Dosen Dr, Wirsing Pkwy, Peace Rd, Fairview Dr, 4th St (Rte 23), Barb Blvd, 2nd St			
****Pine Acres Rehab & Living Ctr**	1212 S. 2nd St., DeKalb	**9:15am**	**9:35am**
Route 2nd St, Taylor St, Haish Blvd			
****Barb City Manor**	680 Haish Blvd, DeKalb	**9:40am**	**10:00am**
Route Haish Blvd, Taylor St, Annie Glidden Rd			
****DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Ctr**	2600 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb	**10:10am**	**10:30am**
Route Just west of DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Ctr			
****Heritage Woods**	2626 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb	**10:35am**	**10:55am**
Route Annie Glidden Rd, Bethany Rd, Greenwood Acres			
****Oak Crest DeKalb Area Retirement Ctr**	2944 Greenwood Acres, DeKalb	**11:05am**	**11:30am**
Route Just north of Oak Crest DeKalb Area Retirement Center			
****Bethany Healthcare & Rehab Ctr**	3298 Resource Pkwy, DeKalb	**11:35am**	**11:55am**
Route Bethany Rd, Somonauk St			
****Grand Victorian of Sycamore**	1440 Somonauk St., Sycamore	**12:10pm**	**12:35pm**
Route Somonauk St, Route 23, Peace Rd, Frantum Rd, Stonegate Dr			
****Lincolnshire Place**	710 Vellagio Place, Sycamore	**12:50pm**	**1:10pm**
Route Stonegate Dr, Frantum Rd, Reace Rd, Route 23, Hill St, Washington St			
Genoa Veterans Home	311 S. Washington St. Genoa	**1:25pm**	**2:30pm**

Dedication of the POW/MIA Monument at the Genoa Veterans Home

A special thank you to Rolling Thunder IL

Route Washington St, Hill St, Route 23, Peace Rd, Pleasant St		
DeKalb Airport	**(Hot Air) Balloons, Brews and Blues**	**2:55pm**