

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, 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

April 8, 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 March 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

March 11, 2019

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

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

Board Members Present: President Celeste Latham, Vice-President Chuck Fish, Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey, and Treasurer Bob Coulter.

Employees Present: Tammy Anderson, Luz Maria Gilkey, Cindy Childress and Tim Stubinger.

New In Attendance: Michael Embrey Delegate from American Legion Post #66 DeKalb

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: February 11, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Steve Walz to accept, and seconded by Don Jones - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Review of January balance of \$5,438.30. Account activities – two checks written, one for Veteran Christmas & the other for Secretary of State for \$10. Ending Balance \$5280.30. February balance \$5208.30. Two checks received one from American Legion Post #654 for \$25 and second from 40et8 Voiture 207 for \$25. Motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to accept Treasurer's report subject to audit, and seconded by Bob Bend – Motion passed unanimously.

Superintendents' Report: Last month the Commission helped 14 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling \$5,525.00. There were 30 Veterans transported on 22 trips to the VA Medical Centers, with the Drivers' donating 161.5 hours with 3680 miles driven. Monthly Retro amount of \$212,779.00 was collected with \$10,401.00 in monthly payments for Veterans. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1213 actions. Fuel cost of \$161.90, The February expenses totaled \$33,582.24. Motion was made by Gene Ege to pay monthly bills - seconded by Don Jones. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Report: Frank Beierlotzer provided List of activities (see attached flyer)

Old Business: None

New Business: Don Anderson asked about Million Veteran Program and asked about VA asking about guns in house. Tammy stated the only time they can ask about guns is if the Veteran is a danger to themselves or others. This is also the same if Veteran has PTSD.

For the Good of the Commission: Bob Bend asked about outreach today-Tim stated it was slow here in DeKalb. Tim mentioned there are current Public Service Announcement (PSA) for HCOT in DeKalb and Sandwich. He also mentioned March is Women's History Month and to mention to have them come in. Sandwich would like to know what shots will be available and when. Tim said only Flu.

Tammy mentioned the flyer for Free Legal Aid form Illinois Armed Forces Legal Aid Network check out flyer for details.

Michael Embrey from American Legion Post #66 DeKalb invited Doug Johnson County Clerk Records office to talk about having License for gaming meeting will be 6pm on 3/20/2019. Michael let us know that his organization is working with community to place flags downtown , Veteran parking, Veteran discounts and would like this to begin Memorial Day though the 4th of July.

Tammy also would like to see the interest from organization members for End of Life information. Gene Ege mentioned to have information at the Chamber of Commerce Expo this month. Tammy mentioned married Veterans on Medicaid are not eligible for \$90 Pension Benefit from the VA.

Being no further business Steve Walz made a motion to adjourn - seconded by Don Jones 7:32pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey

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



VA COUNSELING

| Communication | Quantity | YTD |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Phone | 195 | 624 |
| Office | 109 | 344 |
| Outreach/Home Visits | 1 | 10 |
| Email/Mail | 78 | 204 |
| Fax | 16 | 62 |
| Other/Forms | <u>378</u> | <u>869</u> |
| Total Employee Communications | 777 | 2113 |
| Total Employee Activity | 1298 | 3989 |

VA AWARDANCE

| | Monthly | YTD |
|---------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Monthly | \$9,472.00 | \$32,511.00 |
| Retro | <u>\$27,124.00</u> | <u>\$341,419.00</u> |
| Total | <u>\$36,596.00</u> | <u>\$373,930.00</u> |

EXPENDITURES

| | Monthly | YTD |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Salaries & Benefits | \$22,405.35 | \$69,126.70 |
| Training & Meetings | \$1,231.02 | \$1,997.26 |
| Office Expenses | \$821.11 | \$4,426.04 |
| Building Space/Maintenance | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Direct Assistance to Veteran | | |
| | Number Assisted | |
| Shelter | 15 | \$5,925.00 |
| Other | | \$0.00 |
| Drivers Per Diem | | \$900.00 |
| Vehicle Expenses | | |
| Fuel Cost | \$310.78 | \$587.63 |
| Maintenance/Insurance | \$4,306.00 | \$4,358.27 |
| Totals | \$35,459.26 | \$98,770.90 |

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

| | Quantity | YTD |
|---------------|----------|-------|
| Trips | 23 | 71 |
| Hours Donated | 161.5 | 485 |
| Transported | 36 | 99 |
| Miles | 3814 | 11603 |
| Fuel (gallon) | 174.60 | 336.5 |

SUMMARY

| | Percentage of Budget | Amount |
|---|----------------------|--------------|
| BUDGET | 100% | \$511,000.00 |
| PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present) | -12% | -\$63,311.64 |
| EXPEDITURES | -7% | -\$35,459.26 |
| BALANCE | 81% | \$412,229.10 |

Restricted Fund Balance \$681,624.09



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



| Towns | Shelter | | Transportation |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
| | Amount | # of Vets | # of Vets |
| Cortland | | | 2 |
| DeKalb | \$ 3,525.00 | 9 | 26 |
| Fairdale | | | |
| Genoa | \$ 400.00 | 1 | 1 |
| Hinckley | \$ 400.00 | 1 | |
| Kingston | | | |
| Kirkland | | | |
| Lee | | | |
| Malta | | | 1 |
| Sandwich | | | 4 |
| Shabbona | \$ 400.00 | 1 | |
| Somonauk | \$ 400.00 | 1 | |
| Sycamore | \$ 800.00 | 2 | 2 |
| Waterman | | | 0 |
| Total | \$ 5,925.00 | 15 | 36 |