

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2017

Community Outreach Building

Meeting started at 7:00 PM with President Bob Bend presiding. Leading us in the pledge of allegiance was Jim Cox.

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, Timothy Stubinger, and Renee McGuan were present

New In Attendance: Dan Gallagher – American Legion Post #66 -Alternate

Meeting Minutes:

Mike Boorsma made the motion for approval of the December minutes. Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report:

There is \$4,587.46 currently in the checking account. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Don Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Treasurer for 2017 has received some dues from organizations for this year. If you have not paid, please do so but we will not track you down. Treasurer can let you know by year who has paid.

Public Comment:

None

For the Good of the Commission

None

Superintendent's Report:

Tammy Anderson reported that last month, the Commission helped 17 Veterans and their families with shelter. There were 18 Veterans transported in 14 trips to VA Hospitals. The Commission helped Veterans collect \$12,108.00 in monthly benefits and \$474,950.00 in retroactive benefits. Mike Boorsma made the motion to accept the report and pay the bills of \$45,495.38 subject to audit, Donald Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call of votes. Restricted Fund Balance of 2015 is \$619,300.79. Audit will be done.

Committee Reports:

Frank Beierlotzer stated a Meet & Greet at the DeKalb County Rehab Wednesday January 11th at 9:30am all welcome. Dan Gallagher of American Legion post #66 DeKalb is having a Blood Drive Jan 21st, from 10:30am to 2pm, receive a \$10 Noodles & Company coupon if you donate pint of blood. Flyers will be available at the end of meeting and on the DCVAC website.

Old Business:

Steven Kreitzer reported that the meeting for The Wall That Heals went well. There is \$6,298.00 in the checking account. A minimum of \$4,000 is additionally needed. They are looking for ideas for fundraisers and to sell The Wall T-shirts, any help would be greatly appreciated. They still owe the other half of The Wall payment of \$3,750.00. Renee mentioned the website and every donor is listed on the website.

New Business:

Tammy Anderson spoke about Open Meetings Act (OMA) requirements and that every Delegate and Alternate needs to take the training once, and provide a copy of certificate to Luz to be kept on file. Discussion if board needs to do the Freedom of Information (FOIA), still undecided. The Illinois House Bill 4719 increases penalties on FOIA request's that are not handled properly. Luz is DCVAC's FOIA Officer and must do the training every year. The DCVAC office personnel are required to take the training yearly. Everyone can go online to the Illinois Attorney General's office and take the OMA training. Jim Cox made the suggestion to take the classes every year to stay informed of any changes.

Tammy Anderson mentioned that there has been a change to the Military Veterans Assistance Act (330 ILCS 45), The Delegate/Alternate Information Form needs to be completed yearly and returned to the DCVAC office within 30 days. This addition will be added to the by-laws after review of the DCVAC President & Superintendent.

Adjourn

Motion by Steve Walz to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Mike Boorsma with no opposition.

Meeting closed at 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted – Luz Maria Gilkey – Secretary



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



VA COUNSELING

	Quantity
Phone	206
Office	135
Outreach/Home Visits	2
Emails	53
Fax/Mail	102
Other	114
Total Employee Communications	612

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	Retro	Total Amount
This Month	\$1,581.00	\$4,347.00	\$5,928.00
To Date	\$1,581.00	\$4,347.00	\$5,928.00

EXPENDITURES

Direct Assistance to Veteran (Itemized Below)	\$4,842.00
Vehicle Expenses (Itemized Below)	\$0.00
Salaries & Benefits	\$25,585.60
Training & Meetings	\$100.00
Office Expenses	\$0.00
Public Relations	\$0.00
Total	\$30,527.60

DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO VETERAN

	Number Assisted	Amount
Shelter	14	\$4,910.00
Other		
Drivers Per Diem		-\$68.00
Total	14	\$4,842.00

VEHICLE EXPENSES

	Quantity	Amount
Trips	21	
Transported	31	
Miles	4171	
Fuel (gallon)	0.00	
Fuel Cost		\$0.00
Maintenance		\$0.00
Total		\$0.00

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	100%	\$500,000.00
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES	0%	\$0.00
EXPEDITURES	6%	-\$30,527.60
BALANCE	94%	\$469,472.40

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



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



Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			2
DeKalb	\$ 2,810.00	8	10
Fairdale			
Genoa			6
Hinckley	\$ 350.00	1	1
Kingston			1
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich			1
Shabbona	\$ 350.00	1	
Somonauk	\$ 350.00	1	
Sycamore	\$ 1,050.00	3	9
Waterman			
Total	\$ 4,910.00	14	31



PAINT NIGHT FUNDRAISER

For the Wall that Heals

Help us bring the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall to Sycamore, IL July 13-16th, 2017. The DeKalb County Veterans Tribute Group is hosting this event with the help of the Sycamore VFW Auxiliary. Patriotic t-shirts and bracelets will be available for purchase. All proceeds will be donated. For more info about the wall itself, go to dekalbcountywall.com



Early Bird Reservation

\$37

\$40 at the door

Kat Carrier, Instructor

Appetizers and check in at 6pm

Painting starts at 7pm

Cash bar available

Door Prizes

**Includes paint, brushes,
canvas, apron and instruction**

Space is limited

Reserve your seat now.

Pay on-line at

[facebook.com/katcarrierartist](https://www.facebook.com/katcarrierartist)

**or send your check before
March 20th to**

VFW Auxiliary

SYCAMORE VETS CLUB

**121 S California St
Sycamore, Illinois 60178**

For more information call

Kathy 815-764-9311

Jill 815-756-8129

THE WALL THAT HEALS

THE TRAVELING VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL

DeKalb County Veterans Tribute Group

PRESS RELEASE

03-05-2017

For Immediate Release

THE WALL THAT HEALS is scheduled for July 13th - 16th, 2017 at the 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, help during the display of the wall and especially help take down the wall after the display.

The Wall That Heals Committee is seeking volunteers for any and all times. You may join the committee, donate monetary contributions and/or contact the committee prior to arrival to offer your help.

Monetary contributions are tax deductible. Please make checks payable to: **The Wall That Heals** and they can be deposited at any Resource Bank, dropped off at or mailed to the DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Office, 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, Suite A, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

The committee is hoping to have Military Living History Encampments of any and all eras of our military history. To volunteer for an encampment, please contact Frank Beierlotzer at ffb66@juno.com or 815-901-3834.

For more information, please go to the website dekalbcountywall.com.

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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, April 12th, Barb City Manor, 815-756-8444 and the following is Wednesday, May 10th, Grand Victorian of Sycamore, 815-895-1900

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00pm, Post Everlasting

Followed by the DeKalb County American Legion Council Meeting at the Genoa Veterans Home

Saturday, May 27, Memorial Weekend Steak Dinner

Hosted by the Genoa American Legion, 311 S. Washington St., Genoa, Illinois,
\$13.00 per person RSVP prepaid, \$15.00 pay at the door. 815-784-5967

Monday, May 29, 6:45am, The Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast, DeKalb,

Illinois at DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, 209 S. Annie Glidden Road, \$10.00 RSVP prepaid, \$15.00 pay at the door. Contact Frank Beierlotzer, ffb66@juno.com for RSVP prepaid.

Monday, May 29, 7:30am,

staging for the Keynote Military VIP Motorcycle/Motorcade Escort,
Kick Stands Up at 8:10am and leave at 8:15am. Starts at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765 in DeKalb and goes to the Memorial Park in DeKalb, to the DeKalb Parade, to Malta and then to Genoa. Will be in 3 parades in DeKalb, Malta and Genoa. (Put an American Flag on your vehicle)

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

Motorcycle/Motorcade to escort THE WALL THAT HEALS to Sycamore, Illinois

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

THE WALL THAT HEALS

East Sycamore Park, Sycamore, Illinois

10th Annual Veterans Weekend, Saturday, July 15th, Motorcycle/Motorcade
Honoring our Senior Veterans and ending at THE WALL THAT HEALS