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

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Meeting Agenda for
June 10, 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 May 2019 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurers' Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
  a. Approval of Expenses

VIII. Committee Reports
  a. Outreach Report

IX. Old Business
  a. Change in By-Laws

X. New Business

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2019

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

Meeting started at 7:00 pm with President Celeste Latham presiding. Gene Ege 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, Tim Stubinger and Anna Noel.

New In Attendance: None.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Minutes: April 8, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Don Jones to accept, and seconded by Bob Bend - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Bob Coulter reported that there is a balance of $5,258.30, no activity, one check was received from the American Legion Post 99 for $25 which will show up on next month's report. Motion was made by Bob Bend to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Steve Walz.

Superintendents' Report: The Commission helped 15 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling $5,925.00. There were 42 Veterans transported on 30 trips to the VA Medical Centers, with the Drivers' donating 209 hours with 5157 miles driven. Monthly Retro amount of $79,784.00 was collected with $21,63.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1124 in actions. Fuel cost was $232.60. The April expenses totaled $30,200.20. Motion was made by Gene Ege to pay monthly bills - seconded by Don Jones. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Tammy reported she did a presentation to Health & Human Services County Committee on what the DCVAC provides to our county Veteran. She provided governing statutes & laws for VAC operations and explained to the committee that we are basically a separate entity from the county. The committee was very happy & impressed with all our office provides to our Veterans.

Committee Report: Frank Beierlotzer reported to review both pamphlets list of county activities. Correction on May 27 DeKalb AMVETS Memorial Day Band starts at 1:30 not 2pm. Please bring guest speakers to the Breakfast.

Old Business: By-Laws have been updated to current voting issues, we will provide new books at the next meeting.

Manuel Olalde stated the Mayor of DeKalb made a proclamation that May 2019 will be American Veterans month. New banners will be displayed in the city. Manuel will send information to Tammy for posting.

New Business: Don Jones mentioned he went on Honor Flight was very impressed, he visited the 3 memorials WWII, Vietnam and Korean.
Frank stated they are looking for a Veterans Organization to be the caretakers of the 130 Flags that are displayed at the DeKalb County Courthouse. They were previously under the care of the now disband Vietnow organization. Please give Frank a call if interested.

For the Good of the Commission: Tim Stubinger stated he is trying new procedures for the Sandwich Outreach, scheduling Veterans appointments and doing home outreach. He also stated health awareness this month. Tammy stated that Luz has been in contact with Elder Services and made many presentations at their DeKalb office. Our partnership is good for both organizations & our Veterans within the community of DeKalb County.

Being No further business Steve Walz made a motion to adjourn- Seconded by Bob Bend Meeting 7:22pm
Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey.

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

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	162	960
Office	88	534
Outreach/Home Visits	4	22
Email/Mail	108	411
Fax	29	110
Other/Forms	55	1138
Total Employee Communications	446	3175
Total Employee Activity	1023	6136

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$74,556.00	$128,699.00
Retro	$201,696.00	$622,899.00
Total	$276,252.00	$751,598.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$32,916.83	$124,363.87
Training & Meetings		$2,569.54	$5,145.32
Office Expenses		$711.09	$5,499.90
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$0.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	16	$6,375.00	$29,675.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$580.00	$2,040.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$494.00	$1,535.20
Maintenance/Insurance		$74.75	$4,433.02
	Totals	$43,721.21	$172,692.31

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	30	131
Hours Donated	210	904
Transported	43	184
Miles	5278	22038
Fuel (gallon)	224.60	793.699

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$511,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-25%**	**-$128,971.10**
EXPEDITURES	**-9%**	**-$43,721.21**
BALANCE	**66%**	**$338,307.69**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

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

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 3,525.00	9	29
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 850.00	2	2
Hinckley	$ 400.00	1	2
Kingston			1
Kirkland			1
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			0
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 800.00	2	6
Waterman			2

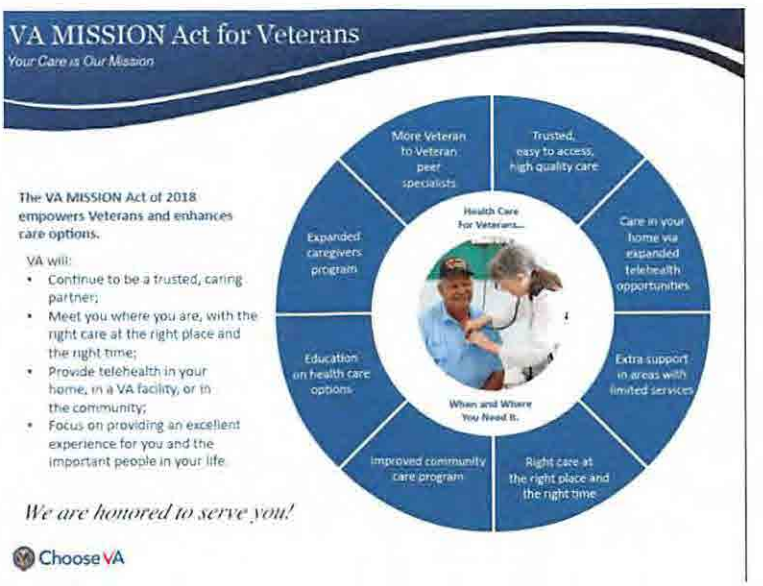
Total	$ 6,375.00	16	43

Hines Community Outreach

June

June is MISSION Act Implementation!

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 June, the Outreach team will have information on the soon-to-be implemented MISSION Act.

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

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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 Hanover Township Outreach (9A-2P)-250 S IL 59 Bartlett, IL	6	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 Oak Lawn Town Hall (6:30P-7:30P) – American Legion Post 854 9701 S Kedzie Ave, Evergreen Park, IL	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 Senator Rezin's Senior Health Fair (9A-11:30A)-Saratoga Elementary School 4040 N Division St Morris, IL Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL	21 Work Net DuPage Veteran Workshop (9A-12P)-2525 Cabot Drive Ste 302 Lisle, IL	22
23	24 Pontiac Outreach (10A-1P)-Pontiac VFW 531 W Lincoln Ave Pontiac, IL	25 Iroquois County Outreach (10A-1P)-VAC Office 1001 Grant St Watseka, IL	26	27	28 Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL	29
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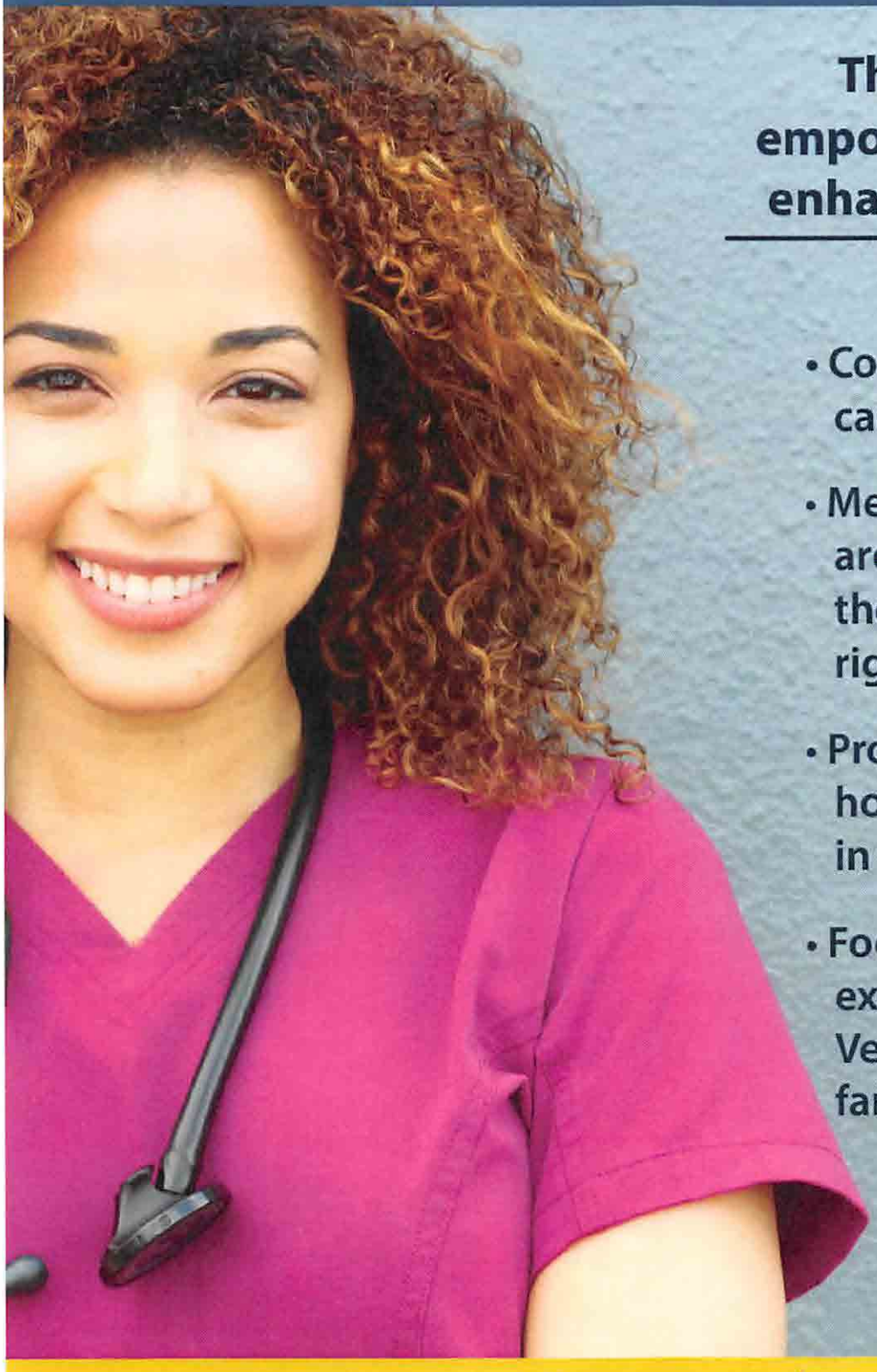
How will the MISSION Act benefit Veterans?



The MISSION Act empowers Veterans and enhances care options.

VA will:

- Continue to be a trusted, caring partner.
- Meet Veterans where they are, with the right care at the right place and the right time.
- Provide telehealth in their home, in a VA facility, or in the community.
- Focus on providing an excellent experience for Veterans and their families.

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For more information go to **www.missionact.va.gov**

Veteran Community Care

Current and Future State (VA MISSION Act)

Topic	Current	Future	Bottom Line
General	Community care programs with complex requirements and processes.	Streamlined Veteran community care program reduces the risk of errors and problems.	Veterans have more choices for care and better customer service when they choose to receive community care.
Eligibility	Eligibility criteria across community care programs do not always meet the individual needs of Veterans.	Eligibility criteria for community care expands access to community providers, including new access standards for average drive times to and wait times at VA medical facilities.	Veterans have expanded access to community care.
Appointments & Getting Care	VA and third party administrators can schedule appointments and coordinate care, adding bureaucracy and disorganization.	Veterans have expanded ability to self-schedule appointments or VA-only scheduling with better IT systems that improve coordination between VA and community providers.	Scheduling appointments is easier with improved care coordination between VA and community providers.
Billing	Complex billing requirements and processes for community care programs lead to claims not being paid timely and Veterans receiving bills for care.	New IT systems improve claim processing timeliness and accuracy with more stringent requirements for third party administrators to pay claims in a timely manner.	Payments to community providers are made in a timely manner.
Urgent Care	Benefit is not generally available through community care.	New benefit provides eligible Veterans with access to care for certain, limited, non-emergent health care needs through VA's community care network.	Veterans have access to a new, convenient option to receive care for minor injuries and illnesses.

The Veterans Affairs MISSION Act of 2018,

signed into law on June 6, will strengthen VA's ability to deliver the quality care and timely service Veterans have earned.

The VA health care system will:

- Ensure easy and reliable access to care when Veterans need it.
- Provide exceptional care to Veterans anytime, anywhere.
- Serve as a trusted, caring partner, helping Veterans and their families be healthy and well.

About the Office of Academic Affiliations

Since 1946, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has conducted education programs for trainees in over 40 different health professions. This statutory mission is accomplished through coordinated programs and activities in partnership with over 1,800 affiliated U.S. colleges and universities. VA plays a leadership role in educating future healthcare professionals to meet the changing needs of healthcare delivery for Veterans and the nation.

These education initiatives are in partnership with VA's Office of Workforce Management and Consulting. For more information, contact the Office of Academic Affiliations:

- www.va.gov/oaa
- www.vacareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport
- (202) 461-9490

Veterans Affairs Educational Initiatives

- **Medical and Dental Scholarships**
- **Education Debt Reduction Program**
- **Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program**
- **Veterans Healing Veterans Program**
- **Graduate Medical Education Expansion into Rural Areas**

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Veterans Affairs MISSION Act of 2018 Office of Academic Affiliations Educational Initiatives

Congress enacted five educational initiatives as part of the VA MISSION Act of 2018 to recruit and retain physicians. The VA MISSION Act empowers VA to improve recruitment through scholarships and loan repayments. VA particularly needs professionals:

- **From underrepresented populations.**
- **Who are Veterans.**
- **Willing to practice in underserved and rural areas.**
- **In specialties critically needed by VA.**

These initiatives, authorized by Congress in 2018, are under development.

Medical and Dental Scholarships

- VA's **Health Professionals Scholarship Program** provides scholarships to medical and dental students in exchange for service at VA.
- Includes tuition, fees, books and equipment, and a stipend for 2 to 4 years with an obligation of 18 months of service for each year of support.
- Applicants must agree to specialize in a field applicable to VA and are required to complete training leading to licensure and board eligibility.
- Minimum number of scholarships is 50 annually, or 10% of VA's physician shortage when that number falls below 500.
- Anticipated beginning date of the program is FY 2020.

Education Loan Repayment

- The MISSION Act increased debt relief available through the **Education Debt Reduction Program** to full- or part-time providers from $24,000 to $40,000 annually, and a maximum level of support from $120,000 to $200,000 over five years. Search "EDRP" in USAJobs.gov for positions offering EDRP.
- Authorizes VA to establish a new **Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program** to recent medical school graduates with at least 2 years remaining in residency in exchange for a service obligation at VA facilities.
  - The commitment for service is one year for each $40,000 of loan repayment with a minimum obligation of 2 years.
  - Qualified loans must be for educational expenses, with a maximum limit of $160,000.
  - Applicants must be in a specialty applicable to VA and must agree to complete training leading to licensure and board eligibility.
  - Specialties and locations will be determined by VA based on projected staffing needs.
  - Anticipated beginning date of the program is July 2021.

Veterans Healing Veterans Program

- Creates a pilot program to provide scholarship support to two Veteran medical students at each of the five Teague-Cranston and the four Historically Black College and University medical schools in exchange for a four-year service obligation at a VA facility.
- Scholarships cover tuition, fees, equipment and books, a stipend, and costs for two rotations at a VA facility during the senior year of medical school.
- Recipient must not have separated from the Armed Forces for greater than 10 years, not be simultaneously receiving GI Bill benefits, agree to maintain acceptable academic progress, and complete residency training leading to board eligibility in a specialty that is applicable to VA.
- Participating schools must agree to reserve two seats for the highest-ranking Veteran applicants who meet the acceptance criteria for that school.
- Unused scholarships may be transferrable to the other covered schools.
- Anticipated start date for this program is for the entering class of 2020.

Graduate Medical Education Expansion into Rural Areas

- Authorizes VA to assist in the expansion or creation of graduate medical education programs in certain underserved settings.
- Allows VA to support residents' costs, at covered non-VA facilities.
- Supports startup costs for qualified new graduate medical education residency training programs, such as faculty recruitment, accreditation costs, and curriculum development.
- Covered facilities include those operated by tribal organizations, the Indian Health Service, VA, Federally Qualified Health Centers, Department of Defense, and other qualified centers.
- Uses numerous selection criteria; priority will be given to Indian and tribal organizations and those in other underserved regions.
- Anticipated beginning date of the program is 2024.

For More Information:

- www.va.gov/oaa
- www.vacareers.va.gov/Benefits/EducationSupport
- (202) 461-9490

Understanding the changes in **Community Care for Veterans**

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

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This will help you understand how community care will work when the new **VA MISSION Act** goes into effect **in June 2019**. Veterans can expect better access and greater choice in their health care, whether they receive it at VA or through a community provider.

▶ ***This information is current as of March 29, 2019. Additional details regarding the new program and how you can use it are expected in the coming months so please check back at www.va.gov for updated information.***

What is the VA MISSION Act?

On June 6, 2018, President Donald J. Trump signed landmark legislation known as the VA MISSION Act of 2018. The Act affects many VA programs, including changes that make dramatic improvements to how Veterans receive health care provided outside of VA facilities.

Will I be eligible for community care under the MISSION Act?

You may be eligible for community care if:

- You need a service that's not available at VA (e.g. maternity care).
- You reside in a U.S. state or territory without a full-service VA medical facility.
- You met previous distance criteria or live in one of the least populated states (ND, SD, MT, AK, WY), received care prior to June 6, 2018, and receive care within two years after June 6, 2018.
- You meet average drive time or appointment wait-time requirements.
- It's in your best medical interest to be referred to a community provider.
- You need care from a VA medical service line that isn't providing care that complies with VA's quality standards.

When will these changes occur?

The new program will start when VA publishes final regulations. This is expected to occur in June 2019. At that time, all existing community care programs, including the Veterans Choice Program, will end.

Proposed Access Requirements

Drive Time

You may be eligible if your average drive time to a specific VA medical facility exceeds:

- *30 minutes for primary care, mental health, and non-institutional extended care services (including adult home day care)*
- *60 minutes for specialty care*

Average drive time is based on the distance from your permanent residence to the closest VA medical facility offering the care or service you need. It is based on geo-mapping software that accounts for a variety of factors, such as rush hour traffic.

Appointment Wait Time

You may be eligible if the wait time for an appointment at a specific VA medical facility exceeds:

- *20 days for primary care, mental health care, and non-institutional extended care services*
- *28 days for specialty care from the date of request with certain exceptions*

FAQ:

Will VA still need to officially authorize the care I receive through a community provider?

Yes, usually. Regardless of which eligibility criterion you meet, community care must be formally authorized in advance by VA before you can make an appointment and receive care from a community provider. However, you may not need to come to a VA facility to obtain the authorization. The law requires that VA provide authorization before they can pay for non-VA care. There may be exceptions for emergency and urgent care.

Who will schedule my community care appointments?

As VA implements its new Community Care Network (CCN) in 2019 and 2020, community care appointments will be scheduled directly by VA, not a third party. You will also continue to have the option of making your own community care appointments.

Will I be able to go to any community provider I want?

If you are eligible for community care, you will be able to receive care from a community provider who is part of VA's Community Care Network (CCN).

Will the process for getting prescription medication change?

There are no changes to how prescriptions are processed. You'll be able to get urgent prescription medication in your community, while long-term prescription medication will be provided by a VA pharmacy.

Will I have a copayment for community care?

Copayment charges work the same way with community care as they do if you receive care at a VA medical facility. Usually, this means you'll be charged a copayment for non-service connected conditions. Copayment charges and payments are made through VA, not through your community provider.

Will VA pay beneficiary travel expenses if I am referred to a community provider?

If you're eligible for beneficiary travel, your eligibility will not change. It's paid the same way whether the care is provided at a VA medical facility or through a community provider.

Is this information final?

Since some parts of the new eligibility criteria aren't final and must formally be established in a Federal regulation, this is a preview of the final eligibility criteria. The final criteria are expected in June 2019.

How can I get updates?

- Visit us online at www.missionact.VA.gov.
- Visit us in person at your local VA Medical Center. You can locate a VA Medical Center near you at www.VA.gov/find-locations/.

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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 **(06-07-2019)**

2019 DeKalb County Area Veteran Related Activities:

Saturday, June 22, 8:00am

12th Annual Veterans Weekend

Motorcycle/Motorcade

2 Wheelers, 3 Wheelers, 4 Wheelers and any licensed vehicles are welcome. We will be going to eight DeKalb and Sycamore area Retirement Homes, Rest Homes and Rehab Facilities, **Honoring our Senior Veterans.** Staging is at HyVee Food Store in Sycamore and is from 8:00am to 8:45am. We will be leaving at 9:00am and will be going to eight different facilities then going to a **POW/MIA Monument** dedication at the Genoa Veterans Home at 1:45pm and then going to the **Balloons, Brews and Blues Festival** at the DeKalb Airport with hot air balloons scheduled to lift off at 3:00pm with weather permitting. Contact Frank Beierlotzer at 815-758-5788 or ffb66@juno.com.

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 illfortyandeight.com 2019-06EventsListing.008

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

12th Annual Veterans Weekend DeKalb County 40&8, Voiture No. 207

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

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

Motorcycle/Motorcade

Honoring Our Senior Veterans

		Program Starts at	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**	
Dedication of the POW/MIA Monument at the Genoa Veterans Home from 1:45pm to 2:15pm			
A special thank you to Rolling Thunder IL		**Leave at**	**2:30pm**
Route Washington St, Hill St, Route 23, Peace Rd, Pleasant St			
DeKalb Airport	**Balloons, Brews and Blues Festival**	**2:50pm**	
Hot Air Balloons are scheduled to **lift off at 3:00pm**			