

# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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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

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## DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

### Meeting Agenda for

**August 12, 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 June 2019 Meeting Minutes**
- VI. Treasurers' Report**
- VII. Superintendent's Report**
  - a. Approval of Expenses**
- VIII. Committee Reports**
  - a. Outreach Report**
- 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

July 8, 2019

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

Meeting started at 7:07 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, Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey and Treasurer Bob Coulter.

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

**New In Attendance:** Sue Vazquez our new DCVAC Admin Assistant.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Meeting Minutes:** June 10, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Gene Ege to accept, and seconded by Steve Walz - Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Bob Coulter reported that there was a deposit of \$25 for Post donation now a balance of \$5,283.30 as of 6/30/2019. Motion was made by Frank to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bob Bend.

**Superintendents' Report:** The Commission helped 15 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling \$5,925.00. There were 37 Veterans transported on 37 trips to the VA Medical Centers, with the Drivers' donating 192 hours with 5187 miles driven. Monthly Retro amount of \$44,305.00 was collected with \$16,405.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1049 in actions. Fuel cost was \$512.36. The April expenses totaled \$30,288.07. Motion was made by Michael Embrey to pay monthly bills - seconded by Todd Latham. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Committee Report:** Tim reported outreach in Sandwich 3 People last month and reported what Hines does, will be sent out in email and flyer

Frank Beierlotzer reported DeKalb County VietNow still looking for an organization to take over the DeKalb County Courthouse avenue of Flags. June 22, 6<sup>th</sup> motorcade Brews and Blues festival 50 people participated thanked about 100 Veterans. 40et8 gives Hero of the Year award to Roger and Marsha Scott who have fostered about 47 children and had adopted 7. Marsha won the Hero for the State of IL and the National award in Myrtle Beach.

**Old Business:** Bylaws copies available

**New Business:** Meeting calendar for next year - October 12, 2020 is also a holiday. Discussion ensued. A motion was made by Gene Ege to cancel the October meeting, it was seconded by Don Anderson. Motion passed with a 6 approved and 3 opposed. Bills would be approved on the following month. Tammy Anderson mentioned Fridays will be by appointment only starting August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Time is needed to process paperwork uninterrupted for claims. The new changes will be posted on the County Website and Facebook.

**For the Good of the Commission:** DeKalb County American Legion will be doing a Pub Crawl Aug 17, 2019 from Sandwich, DeKalb, Genoa, Sycamore. Not sure if there is a ride cost but you should get a t-shirt additional information to follow. The American Legion County meeting will be held July 24 at 6 o'clock at Shabbona Forest Preserve (flag burning ceremony). Sandwich VFW Post 1486 on Saturday July 20, 2019 Rib Dinner 4:30 -7pm \$10 full slab of ribs from the grill, come early they go fast. Friday July 26<sup>th</sup> Kishwaukee Fest Parade looking for a Veteran or Parade Marshal any recommendation please contact Mike Embrey. DeKalb American Legion Post #66 and the City of DeKalb are Honoring Home Town Hero's with Banners along Route 38.

Being No further business Steve Walz made a motion to adjourn- Seconded by Frank Beierlotzer Meeting 7:31pm  
Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey.



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



**VA COUNSELING**

| Communication                 | Quantity | YTD  |
|-------------------------------|----------|------|
| Phone                         | 249      | 1332 |
| Office                        | 130      | 750  |
| Outreach/Home Visits          | 6        | 31   |
| Email/Mail                    | 124      | 623  |
| Fax                           | 28       | 156  |
| Other/Forms                   | 104      | 1296 |
| Total Employee Communications | 641      | 4188 |
| Total Employee Activity       | 1357     | 8542 |

**VA AWARDANCE**

|         | Monthly      | YTD          |
|---------|--------------|--------------|
| Monthly | \$29,351.00  | \$174,455.00 |
| Retro   | \$89,386.00  | \$756,590.00 |
| Total   | \$118,737.00 | \$931,045.00 |

**EXPENDITURES**

|                                     | Monthly                | YTD                 |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries & Benefits                 | \$29,280.38            | \$175,921.83        |
| Training & Meetings                 | \$7,057.67             | \$12,909.96         |
| Office Expenses                     | \$395.37               | \$6,281.43          |
| Building Space/Maintenance          | \$23,500.00            | \$23,500.00         |
| <b>Direct Assistance to Veteran</b> | <b>Number Assisted</b> |                     |
| Shelter                             | 13                     | \$5,125.00          |
| Other                               |                        | \$0.00              |
| Drivers Per Diem                    |                        | \$420.00            |
| <b>Vehicle Expenses</b>             |                        |                     |
| Fuel Cost                           | \$527.74               | \$2,575.30          |
| <b>Maintenance/Insurance</b>        | <b>\$124.17</b>        | <b>\$4,557.19</b>   |
| <b>Totals</b>                       | <b>\$66,430.33</b>     | <b>\$269,410.71</b> |

**Expense Description:**

**TRANSPORTATION LOGS**

|               | Quantity | YTD     |
|---------------|----------|---------|
| Trips         | 22       | 190     |
| Hours Donated | 141      | 1237    |
| Transported   | 29       | 250     |
| Miles         | 3495     | 30720   |
| Fuel (gallon) | 209.30   | 1209.60 |

**SUMMARY**

|   | Percentage of Budget | Amount               |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>BUDGET</b>                                 | <b>100%</b>          | <b>\$511,000.00</b>  |
| <b>PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES</b> (Jan to Present) | <b>-40%</b>          | <b>-\$202,980.38</b> |
| <b>EXPEDITURES</b>                            | <b>-13%</b>          | <b>-\$66,430.33</b>  |
| <b>BALANCE</b>                                | <b>47%</b>           | <b>\$241,589.29</b>  |

**Restricted Fund Balance** **\$681,624.09**



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

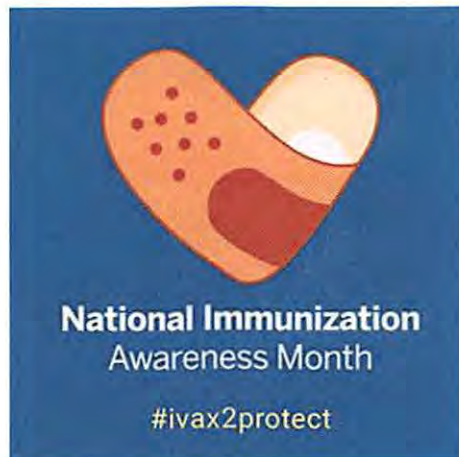


| Towns        | Shelter            |           | Transportation |
|--------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|
|              | Amount             | # of Vets | # of Vets      |
| Cortland     |                    |           |                |
| DeKalb       | \$ 3,125.00        | 8         | 21             |
| Fairdale     |                    |           |                |
| Genoa        |                    |           |                |
| Hinckley     | \$ 400.00          | 1         |                |
| Kingston     |                    |           | 2              |
| Kirkland     |                    |           | 1              |
| Lee          |                    |           |                |
| Malta        |                    |           |                |
| Sandwich     |                    |           |                |
| Shabbona     | \$ 400.00          | 1         |                |
| Somonauk     | \$ 400.00          | 1         |                |
| Sycamore     | \$ 800.00          | 2         | 5              |
| Waterman     |                    |           |                |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$ 5,125.00</b> | <b>13</b> | <b>29</b>      |

# Hines Community Outreach

## *August*

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 August, the Outreach team will have information regarding National Immunization Awareness Month.

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

| Su | M   | Tu   | W   | Th  | F   | Sa   |
|----|---|--|---|---|---|--|
|    |   |  |   | 1   | 2   | 3  |
| 4  | 5<br>Morris Outreach (9A-2P)-Morris American Legion 212 W Washington St. Morris, IL   | 6<br>DuPage County Outreach (9A-2P)- VFW Post #3873 908 Jackson Ave Naperville, IL | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10<br>Heroes, Hogs & Hot Rods (11A-2P)-Manteno American Legion 117 N Walnut St Manteno, IL       |
| 11 | 12<br>DeKalb County Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-DeKalb County VAC 2500 N Annie Glidden Rd<br><br>VA Day at Sun City (10A-12P)- Prairie Lodge Drendel Ballroom 12880 Del Webb Boulevard Huntley, IL | 13   | 14<br>Minooka Outreach (9A-2P)-Minooka Village Hall 121 E McEvilly Rd Minooka, IL | 15<br>Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL | 16  | 17<br>Benjamin O. Davis VFW Post 311 Stand Down (9A-3P) 22341 Governors Highway Richton Park, IL |
| 18 | 19<br>Coal City Outreach (9A-2P)- 1752 E Division St Diamond, IL  | 20<br>Bolingbrook Outreach (9A-2P)-Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook, IL | 21  | 22  | 23<br>Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)- American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL | 24   |
| 25 | 26<br>Pontiac Outreach (10A-1P)-Pontiac VFW 531 W Lincoln Ave Pontiac, IL   | 27<br>Iroquois County Outreach (10A-1P)-VAC Office 1001 Grant St Watseka, IL       | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31   |

List provided by: DeKalb County Forty and Eight, Voiture 207 of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Grande Voiture d' Illinois (08-12-2019)  
2019 and 2020 DeKalb County Area Veteran Related Activities:

**Contact Dwain Adkins (815-895-6927)** for information on when he plans to put the flags up before veterans day weekend. (Usually at least one or two days before the event, depending on weather predictions)

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)

Currently Dwain Adkins, 815-895-6927, is the caretaker of the DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags. The flags are owned by the DeKalb County Chapter of VietNow. VietNow is seeking an organization to take ownership of the flags and continue to display them in the future. Any organization interested should contact any member of VietNow or Frank Beierlotzer at [ffb66@juno.com](mailto:ffb66@juno.com) or 815-758-5788 for more information.

**2020, 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast, May 25 at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, 6:45am to 7:15am.**

**2020, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Weekend Motorcycle/Motorcade** of vehicles, 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 will be at HyVee Food Store in Sycamore. Contact Frank Beierlotzer at 815-758-5788 or [ffb66@juno.com](mailto:ffb66@juno.com).

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](mailto:ffb66@juno.com)    [illfortyandeight.com](http://illfortyandeight.com)    2019-08EventsListing.001**

# Purple Heart Day -

**Purple Heart Day** is observed on August 7 each year and is a time for Americans to pause to remember and honor the brave men and women who were either wounded on the battlefield or paid the ultimate sacrifice with their lives. Purple Heart Day is also known as National Purple Heart Day, Purple Heart Recognition Day and Purple Heart Appreciation Day. This year's Purple Heart Day will be observed on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.

The Purple Heart has a long list of criteria for eligibility-too long to list here. But in general it may be awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States who have been "wounded, was killed, or who has died or may hereafter die of wounds received" from, according to the U.S. Army official site, any action against the United States, action with an opposing armed force, the results of any hostile "foreign force" and many other situations where men and women in uniform may find themselves under attack.

In general, the Purple Heart is awarded for injuries sustained because of enemy attack. Injuries sustained for other reasons not related to things "not caused by enemy agents" are generally not acceptable as grounds for receiving the Purple Heart, though friendly fire injuries do qualify as long as the friendly fire was intended for the enemy. The Purple Heart is now given to persons who are injured, wounded or died while a prisoner of war (POW).

The Purple Heart Medal is Awarded to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Forces, after April 5, 1917, has been wounded, killed, or who has died or may hereafter die of wounds. Each branch of the military can offer a Purple Heart.

Some states offer special military 'Purple Heart' license plates. Illinois offers special license plates for military veterans. Please check with the Illinois Secretary of State office for details.

The holiday was first observed in 2014, is considered an unofficial observance meaning that businesses, government offices etc. do not close on this day.

Read more: <https://militarybenefits.info/purple-heart-day/#ixzz5vwMAZHzy>

**Michael Embrey - USAF Veteran**

"Aim for the Moon, if you Miss - you'll still be in the Stars ....."