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
December 9, 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 November 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

  a. Nominations for 2020 Commission Officer Positions <- -|

  b. By-Laws <- -|

XI. For the Good of the Commission

  a. Christmas Checks

XII. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 4, 2019

COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING

Meeting started at 7:00 pm with President Celeste Latham presiding, she 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 Jessica Morganegg.

New in Attendance: Gerry Drake VFW Post 578Sycamore Delegate.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Minutes: October 7, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Mike Embrey to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Don Jones - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Bob Coulter reported a balance of $5,283.30 no additional income or expenditures. Balance Oct 31, 2019 $5,283.30. Motion was made by Don Jones to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Bob Bend subject to audit. Motion passed.

Superintendents' Report: The Commission helped 14 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling $5,575.00. There were 39 Veterans transported on 24 trips to the VA Medical Centers and Compensation & Pension (C&P) appointments, with the Drivers' donating 175.45 hours with 4398 miles driven. Drivers Per Diem was $460.00. One driver prefers not to get paid. Fuel cost was $440.51 and Fuel (gallons) 203. Monthly Retro amount of $20,149.00 was collected with $17,515.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total year to date $1,122.148.00. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1097 in actions. The October expenses totaled $30,093.04. Motion was made by Jim Cox to pay monthly bills - seconded by Don Jones. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.
Amato Press Release see attached.

Committee Report: Tim reported Hines has Healthy eating this month. Flu shots at Sandwich 12th & 21st nurse has not received flu shot until she hears about how well it is, please spread the word come to outreach.
Veteran Day Parade, Ceremony Free Lunch & Resource Fair see attached flyer.

Old Business: None

New Business: Nomination for 2020 Commission Officer Positions will reopen next month

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3) Secretary - Luz Maria Gilkey
4) Treasurer – Bob Colter
5) Director 2 – Don Anderson

Remote access for meetings discussed to check into.

For the Good of the Commission: Nov 9 Noon to 4 Bands playing at Sandwich VFW. Nov 16 4:30 to 7pm Turkey Dinner at Sandwich VFW. Nov. 9th 7pm Genoa American Legion 100yr celebration. Marine Corp Birthday celebration 7pm Home Town Bar & Grill Lincoln Highway. The Honor Guard is being offered $3,500 from the Elk DeKalb Elks Club toward the purchase of Uniforms. If you would personally like to make a donation or know of a business, club or organization that would like to donate please reach out to Vice Commander Manuel Olalde, 630-768-0872 and he will assist you. Portillo's is also holding a Fundraiser for the Honor Guard on the 11th from 5pm to 8pm. This event is under the guidance of Vice

Commander Olalde. Veterans Day Service at Memorial Park on the 11th at 11am please bring a friend with you. 11:11am there will be dual ceremonies at the Freedom Cock on First and Lincoln hosted by the DeKalb American Legion, Honor Guard, And at the American Flag Pole on the Campus of Northern Illinois University (near Altgeld Hall), Host by the NIU Veterans Club. Speakers and Bugler. Sweats for troops 3,000 lbs. where collected last year see flyer attached deadline November 18. Michael Embrey mentioned they have two funerals this month. Couch Coins Band will be performing Sat 7pm at the American Legion Post #66 in DeKalb, find your dancing shoes and come have some fun. They play that Old Time Rock & Roll Stuff.
A DeKalb County Veteran received the French Legion of Honor, see the attached flyer-Celeste was able to go. See attached Fact Sheet on Social Security, Sycamore Veterans Home calendar and Malta Elementary Welcomes All Veterans to Attend Our All School Assembly on November 11th at 9am in Gymnasium and if you are coming let Luz Maria Gilkey know they will be presenting DCVAC with our yearly Ornaments for our tree and Veterans. Huntley middle school and Lincoln elementary are also welcoming Veterans on Veterans day.
The Court House Flags are now housed here at the COB under DCVAC care with DeKalb County Facilities Management responsible for display/removal.

Being no further business, Gerry Drake made a motion to adjourn- Seconded by Jim Cox. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm
Respectfully Submitted by Secretary Luz Maria Gilkey.

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

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	340	2240
Office	184	1228
Outreach/Home Visits	3	42
Email/Mail	88	951
Fax	29	225
Other/Forms	60	1587
Total Employee Communications	704	6273
Total Employee Activity	1097	12741

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$23,431.00	$258,755.00
Retro	$102,830.00	$989,654.00
Total	$126,261.00	$1,248,409.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$32,521.52	$273,902.12
Training & Meetings		$931.98	$15,346.95
Office Expenses		$894.30	$8,505.67
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$23,500.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	12	$4,775.00	$61,825.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$415.00	$4,765.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$321.12	$4,260.12
Maintenance/Insurance		$257.72	$4,867.18
	Totals	$40,116.64	$396,972.04

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	19	290
Hours Donated	150.5	1936.7
Transported	31	398
Miles	3425	48579
Fuel (gallon)	147.30	1969.00

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$511,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-70%**	**-$356,855.40**
EXPEDITURES	**-8%**	**-$40,116.64**
BALANCE	**22%**	**$114,027.96**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

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

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 3,175.00	8	22
Fairdale			
Genoa			
Hinckley			
Kingston			2
Kirkland			1
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich			
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 800.00	2	5
Waterman			
Total	$ 4,775.00	12	31

Hines Community Outreach

December

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.

Choose VA

Choose Hines

For December, the Outreach team will have information regarding the environmental health registries.

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

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
1	2 Morris Outreach (9A-2P)-Morris American Legion 212 W Washington St. Morris, IL	3 DuPage County Outreach (9A-2P)-VFW Post #3873 908 Jackson Ave Naperville, IL	4	5	6 White Oak Library Senior Fair (9A-12P)-White Oak Library 201 Normantown Road Romeoville, IL	7
8	9 DeKalb County Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-DeKalb County VAC 2500 N Annie Glidden Rd	10	11 Minooka Outreach (9Ap-2P)-Minooka Village Hall 121 E McEvilly Rd Minooka, IL	12	13	14
15	16 Coal City Outreach (9A-2P)-1752 E Division St Diamond, IL	17 Bolingbrook Outreach (9A-2P)-Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook, IL	18	19 Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL	20	21
22	23 Pontiac Outreach (10A-1P)-Pontiac VFW 531 W Lincoln Ave Pontiac, IL	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27 Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL	28
29	30	31				

U.S. Postal Service Issues Healing PTSD Semipostal Stamp

On December 2, the United States Postal Service issued a "Healing PTSD" semipostal stamp that will raise money to be used by the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs for the National Center for PTSD. With this semipostal stamp, the U.S. Postal Service will raise funds to help treat those impacted by post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The stamp features a photo illustration of a green plant sprouting from the ground, which is covered in fallen leaves. The image is intended to symbolize the PTSD healing process, growth and hope.

Thousands of American military and civilians will experience PTSD sometime in their lifetimes. Today, the government is increasingly dedicated to compassionately treating this mental health issue.
Many kinds of trauma can lead people to experience persistent symptoms such as intrusive thoughts, nightmares, and difficulty sleeping. Depression, anxiety, and fear can also occur. Though these symptoms may initially interrupt one's daily life, for most people they typically dissipate over time. However, if these problems continue for more than a month, PTSD may have developed. Symptoms associated with the disorder often can be broken down into four categories: avoidance, hyperarousal, increased negative beliefs and feelings, and reliving.

The two most common treatments for PTSD are medication and psychotherapy, also known as talk therapy. The disorder cuts across demographic lines, though women are at a greater risk than men. Women are more than twice as likely as men to suffer PTSD at some point in their lives. There is a very high suicide rate for veterans. One in five veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars are diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) with a total of over 300,000 veterans by the end of 2012. The social and economic costs of PTSD are immense. First-year treatment alone costs the government $8,300 per person or more than $2 billion so far. Veteran organization state there are 22 military (veterans and current enlisted) personnel that commit suicide every day.

Sold at a price of 65¢ per First-Class stamp, the PTSD stamp is a semipostal. The price of a semipostal stamp pays for the First-Class single-piece postage rate in effect at the time of purchase plus an amount to fund causes that have been determined to be in the national public interest. By law, revenue from sales (minus postage and the reasonable reimbursement of costs to the Postal Service) is to be transferred to a selected executive agency or agencies. Net proceeds from this stamp will be distributed to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which oversees the National Center for PTSD.

If you or a loved one are experiencing PTSD, please contact the office of Veteran Affairs. There are a variety of agencies that can assist with treatment programs. If you are a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, connect with the caring, qualified responders for confidential help. Many of them are Veterans themselves.

Call **800-273-8255 and press 1**

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The ***2020 MAYORS' MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST*** **will be on Monday, May 25, 2020** from 6:45am to 7:15am at the **Elks DeKalb Lodge No. 765,** 209 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

This will be our 29th consecutive breakfast on Memorial Day and the 6th breakfast at the Elks Lodge. We are asking all local communities, veteran organizations, Mayors and Village Presidents to invite their Memorial Day guest speakers to attend so that we can introduce the speakers during the short program. There will be a United Prayer at 7:15 am. and a short program at 7:30am that will be done by 8:00am.

Past and current co-sponsors of the event are the Greater DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, Greater Sycamore Chamber of Commerce, Genoa Chamber of Commerce, Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce, Waterman Business Association, Sycamore Kiwanis Club, DeKalb County Marines, DeKalb County Chapter of VietNow, DeKalb City VFW, Genoa American Legion, DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC), DeKalb Lodge #144 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Northern Illinois Veterans Activities Committee (NIVAC), DeKalb County Forty and Eight Voiture 207, **Elks DeKalb Lodge No. 765,** DeKalb American Veterans (AMVETS) and Masonic Riders Assn. – Widows Sons – Knights Of Trye.

Past and current co-hosts of the event are Mayors and Village Presidents Bernard McMillan, Greg Sparrow, Gene Lawrence, Marvin Bernhardy, Patrick McCormick, Sandy Rempfer, Marcia Staniszewski, Kenneth Hetchler, Jim Edwards, Les Bellah, Jerry Olson, David Rood, Bessie Chronopolus, Ben Suppleland, John Swedberg, Todd Walker, Vince McCabe, Doug Scott, Roger Bosworth, Joseph Diedrich, Tom Thomas, Rick Dettman, Claudia Hicks, Ken Mundy, Frank Van Buer, Robert Seyller, Mike Becker, Clidea Lave, Ross Dueringer, Kris Povlsen, Richard Boris, Russ Stokes, John Rey, Mark Vicary, Rick Olson, Jerry Smith, Curt Lang, Darryl Beach and Ryan Block.

Sincerely,
Frank F. Beierlotzer

POW*MIA
YOU ARE NOT
FORGOTTEN

Remembering veterans
on Memorial Day
and all year long.

Grande Voiture d' Illinois, Forty et Eight,
DeKalb County Voiture 207
Public Relations, Frank F. Beierlotzer,

E-mail ffb66@juno.com or Phone 815-758-5788

Please clip and return as soon as possible.

Title_____ Phone #_____

Name_____ **E-mail**_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Guest(s) Name(s)_____
I/we will be at the 2020 Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast. (please circle one) yes or no #(____)
$10.00 RSVP & prepaid by check. Pay in advance to help with our planning. Check#_____ Amount_____
Otherwise, just show up and pay $15.00 by check or cash.

Call for more information or just RSVP and prepay. (815-758-5788)
Checks payable to: Beierlotzer - 2020 Breakfast
Mail to: Beierlotzer, 1384 Omega Circle Drive, DeKalb, Illinois 60115 2020BreakfastInv.001

List provided by: DeKalb County Forty and Eight, Voiture 207 of La Societe des Quarante Hommes et Huit Chevaux, Grande Voiture d' Illinois **(11-16-2019)**

2020 DeKalb County Area Veteran Related Activities: (Subject to Change)

Sat, May 23, 5:00pm, Memorial Weekend Steak Dinner at 6pm, $15, Genoa Veterans Home, RSVP by May 20th 6pm, 815-762-0396/815-784-5967

Sun, May 24, 8:00am, Several DeKalb Area Cemetery Memorial Services

Mon, May 25, 6:45am, 29th Annual Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast, at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, 6:45am to 7:15am.
$10 per person RSVP prepaid, $15 at the door.
Contact Frank Beierlotzer, 815-758-5788, ffb66@juno.com

Mon, May 25, 8:30am, Memorial Day Service, DeKalb Memorial Park
Mon, May 25, 9:00am, DeKalb Memorial Day Parade & Ellwood House Service

Mon, May 25, 9:00am, (4) Lee/Shabbona/Waterman area Cemetery Memorial Services
Mon, May 25, 9:30am, Hinckley Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 25, 10:00am, Kingston Memorial Day Service
Mon, May 25, 10:00am, Sycamore Memorial Day Service, Parade & Service
Mon, May 25, 10:00am, Malta Memorial Day Service at the Methodist Church, Short Parade & Wreath Laying Service

Mon, May 25, 11:00am, Waterman Memorial Day Service, Lions Park
Mon, May 25, 11:00am, Sandwich Memorial Day Service

Mon, May 25, 11:30am, Genoa Memorial Day Parade & Noon Service
Mon, May 25, 1:00pm, Genoa Memorial Day $4 Buffet, Genoa Veterans Home
Mon, May 25, 1:00pm, DeKalb AMVETS Memorial Day Celebration, Food 1pm/Band 2pm
Mon, May 25, 3:00pm, Joiner Cemetery Day Service

TBD, Jun , 5:00pm, Veterans Appreciation Dinner at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, **RSVP** at 815-756-6912

2020, 13th 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.

Fri, Nov 06, 3:30pm, **DeKalb County Courthouse 24 Hour Vigil Opening Ceremony.**
Fri, Nov 06, 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.