

## DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

AUGUST 8, 2011

The meeting started at 7:00 with President Rich Joslin calling the meeting to order. There were nine members in attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Rich Joslin made the motion to accept the minutes and this was seconded by Don Jones. The minutes were approved. John Davis gave the corporation report and there is \$1405.12 in the account. Don Jones seconded the report and the report was approved.

Herb Holderman gave the superintendants report. The commission assisted 30 veterans with food, 27 with shelter and 22 with utilities. We also helped 3 veterans collect \$4998 for the month and back pay totaling \$21,343. We also transported 9 veterans to VA hospitals. The commission spent \$31,137.06 for the month. Don Jones made the motion to pay the bills and this was seconded by Bob McDonald. The bills will be paid. Herb also talked about purchasing 3 laptop computers to be used in the Sandwich and Waterman locations. The cost of the computers would be \$3320.34 and this was seconded by Don Jones. The computers were approved.

The by-law changes that were discussed last month were put to a vote. The changes are to make our meetings monthly instead of quarterly, and to drop the sergeant-at-arms and the chaplain's posts. Rich Joslin made this motion and it was seconded by Bob McDonald. The changes were approved. We also discussed meeting place changes. The January meeting will be in Genoa, April will be Sandwich, July will be Genoa, and October will be Sandwich. All other meetings will be had the DCVAC building. Travel pay will start in January 2012. Travel pay will be based from the center of the hometown to the meeting destination.

There was some discussion on reimbursing veterans organizations that sponsor honor flight veterans aides. The cost is \$600 for each aide. Ten veterans from DeKalb County went so far this year. Transportation was discussed and DCVAC would supply the vehicle and the veteran organization would supply the driver. Rules and regulations would need to be in place before we could start this. There was also discussion on dental care, and scholarships. The scholarships would be for a veteran's family. Rules and regulations would need to be in place before we start this. The doll house is still on hold. DeKalb High School is discussing putting a veteran's memorial outside near the football stadium at the new high school to honor all veterans that went to DeKalb High. There was some discussion on helping the spouses of deceased veterans with general assistance. Herb will be checking on this further and will have an answer for us next month. The budget for 2012 will be \$425,600.00. Don Jones made the motion to approve this budget and this was seconded by Frank Beierlotzer. The budget was approved.

Frank Beierlotzer made the motion to adjourn at 8:00. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Walz, secretary