# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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## DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
## Meeting Agenda for
## January 13, 2020
**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 December 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**VI. Treasurers' Report**

**VII. Superintendent's Report**
**a. Approval of Expenses**

**VIII. Committee Reports**

**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**

**December 9, 2019**

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH BUILDING**

Meeting started at 7:02 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.

Amend the Agenda: Motion was made to change the order of the Agenda Section X, items a & b – Jim Cox made the motion, seconded by Gene Ege. Motion passed.

**New in Attendance:** Sarah Sweet

**Public Comment:** None.

**Meeting Minutes:** November 4, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Don Jones to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Manny Olalde - Motion passed unanimously.

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

**Superintendents' Report:** The Commission helped 12 Veterans and their families with Shelter Assistance totaling $4,775.00. There were 31 Veterans transported on 19 trips to the VA Medical Centers and Compensation & Pension (C&P) appointments, with the Drivers' donating 150.0 hours with 3,425 miles driven. Drivers Per Diem was $415.00. One driver prefers not to get paid. Fuel cost was $321.12 and Fuel (gallons) 147.3. Monthly Retro amount of $102,830.00 was collected with $23,431.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total year to date $1,248,409.00. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1097 in actions. The November expenses totaled $40,116.64. Motion was made by Jim Cox to pay monthly bills - seconded by Don Jones. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

**Committee Report:** Tim reported Hines has emphasis on environmental registries this month. They are still doing Flu shots in Sandwich. Frank reported on upcoming events & a motorcade escort on Memorial Day Parades – see attached flyer.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Celeste provided the first reading of the change to the By-Laws, electronic copies will be sent out prior to the next meeting to Delegates or Alternates.

Nomination for 2020 Commission Officer Positions were re-opened and changes were made:

1) President – Celeste Latham

2) Vice-President – Chuck Fish

3) Treasurer – Bob Colter

4) Director 2 – Don Anderson

Nominations were closed. A motion of unanimous elections was made by Jim Cox, seconded by Gene Ege. Motion passed.

**For the Good of the Commission:** We received a check of $1,500.00 from Vietnow for the maintenance of the flags at the County Court House. We also received the title for the trailer used by Vietnow to transport & store the flags. We will change the title to reflect DCVAC as having ownership. Maintenance of these flags will be made by DCVAC and will be budgeted in the 2021 budget year.

We received monetary donations from Mike Tritle of Turning Back Time Car Show, Jim & Jodi Long and numerous other monetary donations. The Sycamore VFW Auxiliary have again provided food baskets for our Veterans who need help.

We received $1,955.00 in donations and would like Bob to deposit this money & provide us with 5 checks for disbursement. Motion was made by Jim Cox and seconded by Manuel Olalde. Motion passed.

Being no further business, Gerry Drake made a motion to adjourn- Seconded by Don Jones. Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm
Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary Tammy Anderson.

DRAFT

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

**VA COUNSELING**

| Communication | Quantity | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Phone | 291 | 2531 |
| Office | 145 | 1373 |
| Outreach/Home Visits | 1 | 43 |
| Email/Mail | 71 | 1022 |
| Fax | 20 | 245 |
| Other/Forms | 41 | 1628 |
| Total Employee Communications | 569 | 6842 |
| Total Employee Activity | 1135 | 13876 |

**VA AWARDANCE**

| | Monthly | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Monthly | $18,894.00 | $277,649.00 |
| Retro | $112,577.00 | $1,102,231.00 |
| Total | $131,471.00 | $1,379,880.00 |

**EXPENDITURES**

| | | Monthly | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries & Benefits | | $22,221.47 | $296,123.59 |
| Training & Meetings | | $982.76 | $16,329.71 |
| Office Expenses | | $3,459.32 | $11,964.99 |
| Building Space/Maintenance | | $0.00 | $23,500.00 |
| **Direct Assistance to Veteran** | **Number Assisted** | | |
| Shelter | 12 | $4,775.00 | $66,600.00 |
| Other | | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| Drivers Per Diem | | $340.00 | $5,105.00 |
| **Vehicle Expenses** | | | |
| Fuel Cost | | $348.29 | $4,608.41 |
| **Maintenance/Insurance** | | $50.74 | $4,917.92 |
| | Totals | $32,177.58 | $429,149.62 |

**Expense Description:**

**TRANSPORTATION LOGS**

| | Quantity | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Trips | 24 | 314 |
| Hours Donated | 160 | 2096.7 |
| Transported | 32 | 430 |
| Miles | 4055 | 52634 |
| Fuel (gallon) | 160.50 | 2129.50 |

**SUMMARY**

| | Percentage of Budget | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| **BUDGET** | **100%** | **$511,000.00** |
| **PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES** (Jan to Present) | **-78%** | **-$396,972.04** |
| **EXPEDITURES** | **-6%** | **-$32,177.58** |
| **BALANCE** | **16%** | **$81,850.38** |

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

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

| | Shelter | | Transportation |
|---|---|---|---|
| Towns | Amount | # of Vets | # of Vets |
| Cortland | | | |
| DeKalb | $ 3,175.00 | 8 | 22 |
| Fairdale | | | |
| Genoa | | | 1 |
| Hinckley | | | |
| Kingston | | | 1 |
| Kirkland | | | |
| Lee | | | |
| Malta | | | |
| Sandwich | | | 1 |
| Shabbona | $ 400.00 | 1 | |
| Somonauk | $ 400.00 | 1 | |
| Sycamore | $ 800.00 | 2 | 7 |
| Waterman | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Total | $ 4,775.00 | 12 | 32 |

## Anderson, Tamela

**From:** Stubinger, Timothy
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 31, 2019 4:08 PM
**To:** Anderson, Tamela; 'celestelatham@yahoo.com'; 'lathamtodd@yahoo.com'; 'su.jim109@gmail.com'; 'vfwpost1486@yahoo.com'; 'Charlesfish2002@yahoo.com'; 'rbend51@yahoo.com'
**Subject:** HCOT Report for December

Hello Everyone,
Here is our Sandwich HCOT VFW Post #1486/ American Legion Post #181 email for December 19, 2019.
December 19, 2019 Cindy Childress went to Sandwich. The Health Enrollment Specialist from the Hines Community Outreach Team (HCOT)was present. We served 2 Veteran from DeKalb County.
Our next day to be in Sandwich will be January 16, 2020, HCOT will also be at the DeKalb Community Outreach Building 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, right next to the DeKalb County VAC on January 13, 2020 spread the word that Hines will be there from 9-1:30 to help with Healthcare Enrollment and Flu shots. Visit the Community Outreach building on January 13, 2020 from 9- 1:30 or January 16, 2020 at the Sandwich VFW to get information on VA updates, claims, and healthcare.

The schedule for the DeKalb County VAC coming to Sandwich will be the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Attn: We our looking for more Volunteer drivers to help with the increase in riders. Please spread the word so we can increase our assistance to Veterans with appointments.

Please join the DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission along with the Hines Community Outreach Team, weather permitting every 3rd Thursday at VFW Post 1486/ American Legion Post 181 at: 713 S. Main St. Sandwich, IL. (Between 9am and 2pm)

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JESSE WHITE
SECRETARY OF STATE
NEWS

**For Immediate Release:**
January 6, 2020

**Jesse White's Law Streamlining Veteran's Designation Process on DL/IDs Takes Effect**
*Veterans no longer required to first obtain official certification from the IL Dept. of Veterans Affairs*

Due to a new law initiated by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White that took effect Jan. 1, the process to get the word "VETERAN" displayed on a U.S. military veteran's driver's license or identification card (DL/ID) has been streamlined and simplified.

"While more than 120,000 veterans have obtained a DL/ID with the veteran's designation, we are now streamlining the service for the convenience of our military heroes," said White. "I had the honor of serving as a paratrooper in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division and as a member of the Illinois National Guard and Army Reserve. There is no greater honor than serving your country, and our veterans can proudly display their service on their DL/ID, which will help them receive the services and benefits they richly deserve."

Public Act 101-106 allows veterans who have received an Honorable or General under Honorable Conditions discharge to obtain the veteran's designation on their DL/ID by bringing their DD214 or other acceptable discharge document directly to a Secretary of State Driver Services facility. The veteran is no longer required to visit the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) before coming to the Secretary of State facility. To ensure only eligible veterans are receiving this designation, the Secretary of State's office will contact IDVA officials to confirm an applicant is a veteran. If IDVA officials cannot confirm the applicant is a veteran, the Secretary of State may cancel the applicant's DL/ID.

White's office began offering DL/IDs with VETERAN on the card to military veterans in 2015. The designation is available at no additional cost for first-time driver's license applicants and driver's license renewals. If veterans choose to add the designation prior to their renewal date, they may obtain an updated driver's license for $5 and an updated ID card for $10. Veterans over the age of 65 can obtain an updated state ID card at no cost.

PA 101-106, which passed the House and Senate unanimously, was sponsored by state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit (D-Aurora) and state Sen. Michael Hastings (D-Frankfort).

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# DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
# Voting Monday January 13, 2020

| Veterans of Foreign Wars | Delegates & Alternates | Present | Superintendents Report Approval 2020 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Post #1486 Sandwich. | D: Chuck Fish (V.P.) | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Todd Latham | | | | |
| Post #5768 Sycamore | D: Gerald Drake | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Sarah Sweet | | | | |
| Post #8387 Genoa | D: Don Anderson (Director 2) | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Jose Chavez | | | | |

**American Legion**

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Post #66 DeKalb. | D: Michael Embrey | | | | |
| | A: Manuel Olalde | | | | |
| Post #99 Sycamore. | D: Gene Ege | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Ed McComb | | | | |
| Post #181 Sandwich | D: Celeste Latham (President) | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Stefan Skopek | | | | |
| Post #337 Genoa | D: Rich Joslin | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Herb Holderman | | | | |
| *Post #598 Hinckley | D: | | | | |
| | A: | | | | |
| Post #654 Waterman | D.Robert Bend (Director 1) | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: James Cox | | | | |
| *Post # 772 Somonauk | D: Roger Wiley | | | | |
| | A: Chris Morphey | | | | |
| *Post #1010 Kingston | D: Catherine M. Homan | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: | | | | |

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| 40 et 8 Voiture 207 | D: Robert Coulter (Treasurer) | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: Frank Beierlotzer | | | | |

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| Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb Cty | D: Donald Jones | X ✓ | ✓ | | |
| | A: | | | | |

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| AmVets Post #90 DeKalb | D: | | | | |
| | A: | | | | |

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* Not Regular Attendees

NC= not coming

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## *Sign in for DCVAC Meeting on January 13, 2020*

| | *Name* | *Organization* | *Circle one* |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Jim Lox | AL Post 654 | Driver/Passenger |
| 2. | Gene Ege | Sycamore legion #99 | Driver/Passenger |
| 3. | Herb Holderman | GENOA Legion | Driver/Passenger |
| 4. | Robin Bend | AL 654 | Driver/Passenger |
| 5. | Robert E Coulter | 4048 | Driver/Passenger |
| 6. | Geery Drake | Syc. VFW | Driver/Passenger |
| 7. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 8. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 9. | | AL 181 | Driver/Passenger |
| 10. | Don Jones | MCL | Driver/Passenger |
| 11. | Don Anderson | VFW 8387 | Driver/Passenger |
| 12. | Catherine M Homan | AL 1010 | Driver/Passenger |
| 13. | RICHARD JOSCIO | | Driver/Passenger |
| 14. | Jim Sybinge | | Driver/Passenger |
| 15. | Chuck Fish | VFW 1487 | Driver/Passenger |
| 16. | Tammy Endress | DCVAC | Driver/Passenger |
| 17. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 18. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 19. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 20. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 21. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 22. | | | Driver/Passenger |
| 23. | | | Driver/Passenger |