DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Agenda
February 10th, 2020 starting at 7:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of Delegates/Alternates

IV. Public Comment

V. Reading & Approval of the January 2020 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurers' Report

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

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Old Business
- **a. By Law Review & Voting**

X. New Business
- **a. Election of Director Position**

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

January 13, 2020

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, and Treasurer Bob Coulter.

Employees Present: Tammy Anderson, Luz Maria Gilkey, Cindy Childress, Tim Stubinger.

New in Attendance: None.

Public Comment: None.

Meeting Minutes: December 9th, 2019 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Jim Cox to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Don Jones - Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Bob Coulter reported a balance of $7143.30, after a deposit of $3455.00. Checks were written for Christmas Donations, an equal amount of money was given for deposit and for written checks, to allow for a paper trail. Vietnow provided us with a check for $1500.00 to help maintain the Court House flags. Motion was made by Gene Ege 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 32 Veterans transported on 24 trips to the VA Medical Centers and Compensation & Pension (C&P) appointments, with the Drivers' donating 160.0 hours with 4,055 miles driven. Drivers Per Diem was $340.00. One driver prefers not to get paid. Fuel cost was $348.29 and Fuel (gallons) 160.5. Monthly Retro amount of $112,577.00 was collected with $18,894.00 of monthly payments for Veterans. Total year to date $1,379,880.00. Total Employee Activity was approximately 1135 in actions. The December expenses totaled $32,177.58. Motion was made by Don Jones to pay monthly bills - seconded by Bob Bend. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee Report: Cindy reported 2 new Veterans signed up for VA Healthcare.

Old Business: Celeste stated that everyone should have received the electronic version of the By-Laws for their review. Discussion & voting be on next month's agenda.

New Business: Catherine asked about the OMA & FOIA for 2020. Tammy will check on the application & get back to the commission.

For the Good of the Commission: Tammy discussed Delegates & Alternates receiving travel pay reimbursement for attending the meetings, along with filling out a W-9.

Celeste stated that the District Commander would be at the Sandwich VFW breakfast this Saturday January 18th at 8:30am. Also, there will be a blood drive at the same location February 1st from 11:00am – 3:00pm.

Being no further business, Gene Ege made a motion to adjourn - Seconded by Don Jones. Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm

Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary Tammy Anderson.

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2020
STATE OF THE BUDGET

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	366	366
Office	269	269
Outreach/Home Visits	2	2
Email/Mail	109	109
Fax	46	46
Other/Forms	89	89
Total Employee Communications	881	881
Total Employee Activity	1667	1667

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$15,460.00	$15,460.00
Retro	$16,157.00	$16,157.00
Total	$31,617.00	$31,617.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$23,363.13	$23,363.13
Training & Meetings		$560.00	$560.00
Office Expenses		$0.00	$0.00
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$0.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	12	$4,775.00	$4,775.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$0.00	$0.00
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$0.00	$0.00
Maintenance		-$8.00	-$8.00
	Totals	$28,690.13	$28,690.13

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	24	24
Hours Donated	0	0
Transported	34	34
Miles	4055	4055
Fuel (gallon)	0.00	0

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$550,300.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**0%**	**$0.00**
EXPEDITURES	**-5%**	**-$28,690.13**
BALANCE	**95%**	**$521,609.87**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month January 2020
Veterans Assistance / Transportation

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 3,175.00	8	23
Fairdale			
Genoa			1
Hinckley			1
Kingston			
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			1
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 800.00	2	8
Waterman			
Total	$ 4,775.00	12	34

Anderson, Tamela

From: Stubinger, Timothy
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2020 9:25 AM
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 January

Hello Everyone,
Here is our Sandwich HCOT VFW Post #1486/ American Legion Post #181 email for January 16, 2020.
January 16, 2020 Tim Stubinger went to Sandwich. The HCOT Coordinator Erin Karpus, the Health Enrollment Specialist and nurse from the Hines Community Outreach Team (HCOT) were present. We served 1 Veteran from DeKalb County. Our next day to be in Sandwich will be February 20, 2020, HCOT will also be at the DeKalb Community Outreach Building 2500 N. Annie Glidden Road, right next to the DeKalb County VAC on February 10, 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 February 10, 2020 from 9- 1:30 or February 20, 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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DCVAC 2020 Schedule for HCOT

VFW Post 1486
713 S. Main St
Sandwich IL
9AM-2PM

January 16, 2020
February 20, 2020
March 19, 2020
April 16, 2020
May 21, 2020
June 18, 2020
July 16, 2020
August 20, 2020
September 17, 2020
October 15, 2020
November 19, 2020
December 17, 2020

DCVAC Assists with:
Assistance with Claims, Pensions, Burial Benefits, Healthcare enrollment.

HCOT Assists with:
Healthcare Enrollment, Seasonal Shots, Basic Health Analysis.

Hines Community Outreach

February 2020

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.

February is heart health month! The outreach team will have information about improving heart health and maintaining a healthy heart.

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

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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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	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	14	15
16	17	18 Bolingbrook Outreach (9A-2P)-Levy Center 251 Canterbury Lane Bolingbrook, IL	19	20 Sandwich Outreach (9:30A-1:30P)-VFW Post # 713 S Main St Sandwich, IL	21 Coal City Outreach (9A-2P)- 1752 E Division St Diamond, IL	22
23	24 Pontiac Outreach (10A-1P)-Pontiac VFW 531 W Lincoln Ave Pontiac, IL	25	26	27	28 Elgin Outreach (9A-2P)-American Legion Post #57 820 N. Liberty St. Elgin, IL	

THE FOX VALLEY VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB

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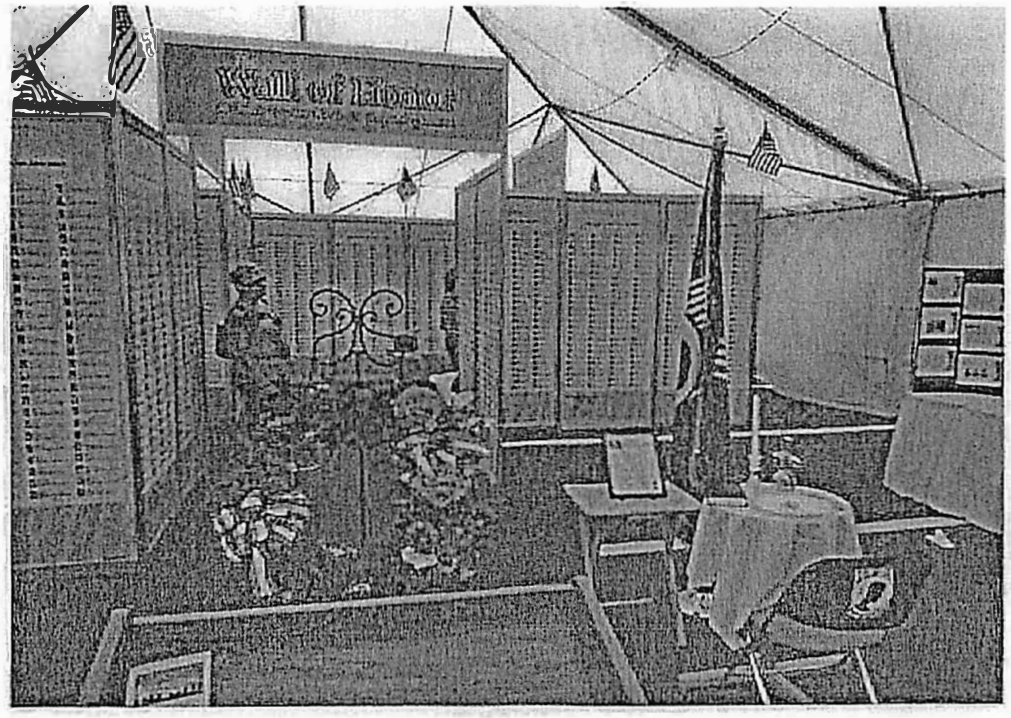
THE VILLAGE OF OSWEGO

PRESENTS

THE WALL of HONOR

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WE LOST IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

MAY 22, 2020 THROUGH MAY 31, 2020

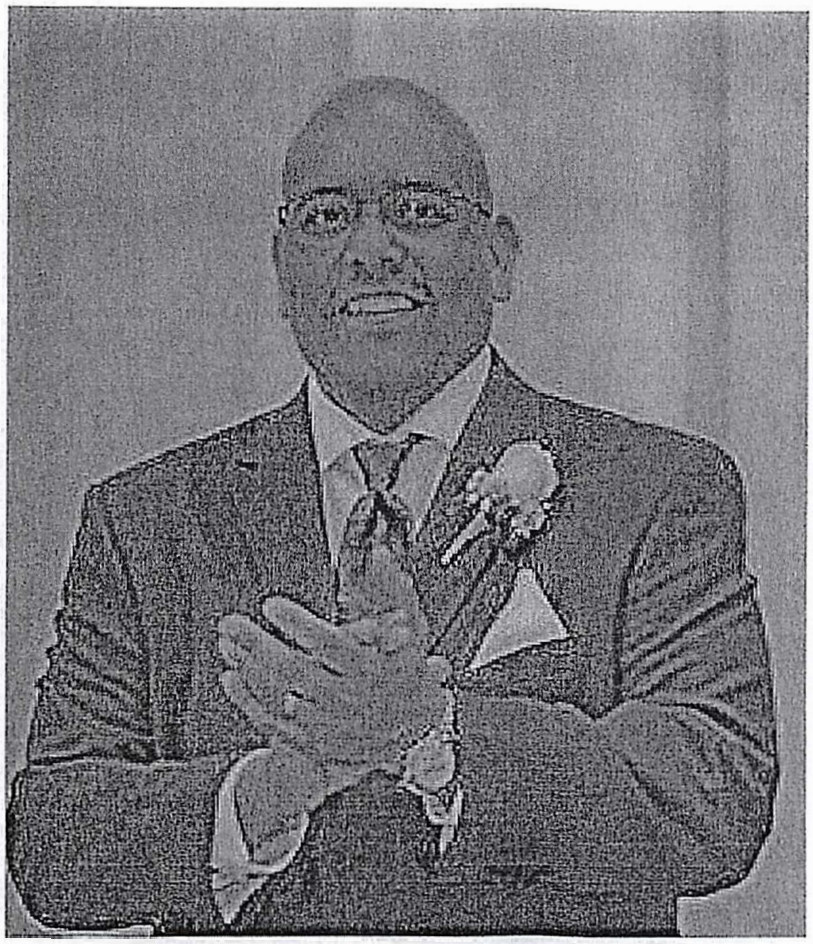


Oswego Village Hall - 100 Parker Mill Place

Oswego, IL

Veterans Helping Veterans

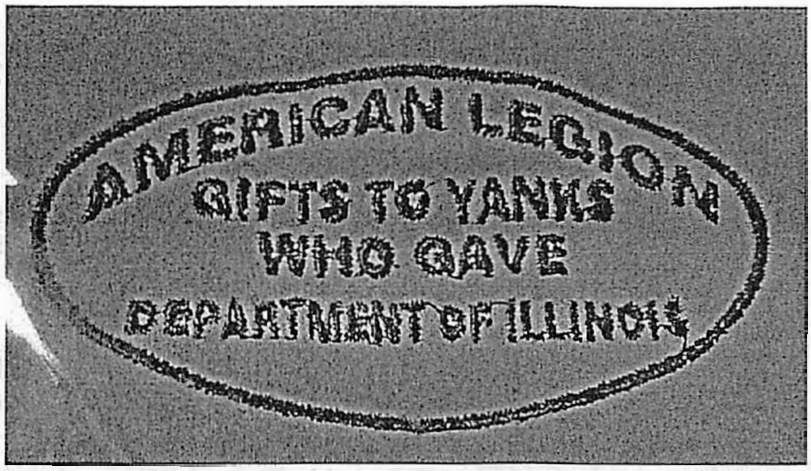
By ACME News Service - January 20, 2020



During the past Christmas holidays, one local veteran became Santa to help make the holidays a little more special for local military veterans that live in some of the local DeKalb area nursing homes. Manuel "Manny" Olalde, a US Marine veteran, wanted to do something special for local veterans that reside in some of the area nursing homes. Olalde ordered a number of quality blankets from the American Legion and spent the week before Christmas visiting nursing homes giving out these blankets to veterans as well as spending time with each veteran to make sure they had some family contact. 50 free blankets (as well as some sweatshirts and pants) were given to local senior centers as well.

WDKE Home Town Hero Award. EVERY WEEK - Manny will Email

This was not part of a project or something required to do, but something Manny took on as a personal project to make the lives of these veterans a little more enjoyable. "Everybody gets busy during the holidays and I wanted to do something special," said Olalde. "I was able to reach out to the American Legion and find these blankets that are extremely large and comfortable, but have a monogram thank you from the American Legion."

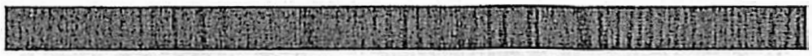


Olalde visited Pine Acres, Bethany Nursing Home, Heritage Woods, The County Home and Barb City Manor over a two day period.

Many of these nursing home veterans have little family and a sparse holiday celebration. "It was extremely rewarding to visit with these veterans and how thankful they were that someone came to visit," said Olalde. "It was also very emotional to have this experience and see the joy in their faces with each one proud of their military service to their country. From handshakes to hugs and even a couple salutes, this was a very rewarding holiday."

Manuel "Manny" Olalde and his wife Jill make their home in DeKalb. Manny is the Vice-Commander of the DeKalb American Legion. Olalde is a Corrections Deputy Officer for the Kane County Sheriff Department.

Olalde also presented members of the Post 66 Honor Guard with a blanket for their dedication to various legion projects in DeKalb County.



DeKalb American Legion Honors DeKalb ELKS Veteran Donation

In the fall of 2019, the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765 offered a financial challenge to the DeKalb American Legion Post 66 Honor Guard. The Elks offered a matching grant of $3,500.00 to the DeKalb American Legion to help purchase uniforms for the Legion Honor Guard. It was a matching grant that every dollar the Legion raised the Elks would match up to $3,500.00. DeKalb Legion Vice Commander Manuel 'Manny' Olalde chair the grant program and within 30 days raised over $3,500.00 in donations.

"It was amazing how when the word got out that people were willing to offer some type of donations," said Olalde. "We had donations of $500.00 to as little as $20.00 including a local family that made a $20.00 donation because they had seen the Honor Guard perform at a friend's military funeral." The interesting part of this donation was the family had no ties to the Legion, in fact, none of their family had even served in the military.

"We were both humbled and honored that the Elks made this generous offer," said Daniel Gallagher, American Legion Commander. "Both the Legion and Elks have a commitment to help support our local veteran community. This grant will help us enhance the visual and professional look of the Honor Guard."

"Part of the mission of the Elks is to support local veterans with some type of project," commented Rick Tonozzi, Exalted Ruler for the DeKalb Elks. Over the past several years the Elks have assisted in helping various veteran events. Every year they offer a free meal to veterans on Flag Day. In 2018, the Elks provided a free meal to the US Navy Band who was featured at the 'Music at the Mansion' concert series at the Ellwood Mansion.

"The American Legions does an awesome job with their Honor Guard serving the DeKalb area, " said Pete Bakken, a member of the Elks Board. In 2019, the DeKalb American Legion Honor Guard and Color Guard made over 60 appearances at military funerals, parades, military services (Memorial and Veteran Days), and have made many appearances at local schools in support of veteran families in DeKalb County.

This past week at the monthly Elks Board meeting, members of the American Legion Post #66 presented the DeKalb Elks Lodge with a plaque, thanking them for their generosity in the dollar for dollar matching grant given to the Honor Guard. Post #66 members recognize the Elks Club as another Veteran support organization in the City of DeKalb. Both organizations continue to support their mission of community services to our veterans and active military.

NOTE: Donations are still being accepted. Please Contact Manny Olalde at Olalde481@aol.com

Photo Credits:
Manuel 'Manny' Olalde, Vice Commander; Daniel Gallagher, American Legion Commander;
Rick Tonozzi, Exalted Ruler; Michael Embrey, Post Bugler.

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Sign in for DCVAC Meeting on February 10th, 2020

	Name	*Organization*	*Circle one*
1.	Cindy Chadwell	DCVAC	Driver/Passenger
2.	Jordan Mayeux	DCVAC	Driver/Passenger
3.	[illegible]	Post 654	Driver/Passenger
4.	[illegible]	American Legion Post 66	Driver/Passenger
5.	Rob McCann	Post 66 AL	Driver/Passenger
6.	Catherine Hoffman	Post 1010 AL	Driver/Passenger
7.	Gerry Drake	Post 5768 VFW	Driver/Passenger
8.	Ed McComb	Post 99 AL	Driver/Passenger
9.	Lucy Maria Silly	DCVAC	Driver/Passenger
10.	Herb Holcomb		Driver/Passenger
11.	ROBERT BEND	AL 654	Driver/Passenger
12.	Don Jones	MCL	Driver/Passenger
13.	Chuck Fish	VFW 1486	Driver/Passenger
14.	Robert E Coulter	40 & 8	Driver/Passenger
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DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday February 10, 2020

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

American Legion

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

	D: Robert Coulter (Treasurer) ✓	✓	✓		
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Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb Cty	*D: Donald Jones* ✓	✓	✓		
	A:				

	D:				
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	*A:*				

* Regular Attendees

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