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DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting
November 9th, 2020
Zoom Meeting starts at 5:00 pm
Join the Zoom Meeting:

Join Zoom Video Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/92368941658?pwd=RXpGaCtwWVdYa2FNdFV1ZlA1aUxFUT09

Call In for Meeting
Meeting ID: 923 6894 1658
Passcode: 561187
1-312-626-6799

I. Call to Order
II. Attendance
III. Reading & Approval of September 2020 Meeting Minutes
IV. Treasurer's Repost
V. Superintendent's Reports
   a. September 2020
   b. October 2020
VI. Old Business
   a. Outreach
   b. COVID-19
VII. New Business
   a. Training
   b. Officer Positions - Status
VIII. For the Good of the Commission
IX. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 14th, 2020

DCVAC Executive Board Zoom Meeting

Meeting started at 5:00 pm with President Celeste Latham presiding.

Board Members Present: President Celeste Latham, Vice-President Chuck Fish, Treasurer Bob Coulter, Director Bob Bend, and Director Herb Holderman.

Meeting Minutes: August 10th, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Bob Coulter to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Herb Holderman – Roll Call Vote – Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer Bob Coulter reported a balance of $6993.30 at the end of July 2020 and end of August 2020. Motion was made by Bob Bend to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Herb Holderman subject to audit. Roll Call Vote - Motion passed.

Superintendents' Report:

Meeting	Month Expenditures	Total Activity	Recoveries YTD	Financial Assistance	Transportation
09/14/2020	August/ $29,773.83	1,440	$1,070,300.00	13/$5,325.00	18 Trans/18 Trips

A motion was made by Herb Holderman to approve all monthly expenses for August 2020, seconded by Bob Coulter – Roll Call Vote - Motion passed.

Old Business: Hines VAMC are still not doing outreach. Luz will be doing the Sandwich Outreach again 09/17/2020.

New Business: COVID & Building Re-Opening: Building will still remain closed, with different entrance changes to ensure the safety of our Veterans. DeKalb has been moved to the Warning Stage of COVID.
November 2020 meeting will still be held as a Zoom meeting at this time, but could change depending on outside variables.
Training will be in East Peoria September 21-24, 2020 – Luz & I will be attending this training, Tim & Cindy opted out of attending due to COVID. NACVSO has an agreement with the Department of Veterans Affairs, as long as a VSO has paid their membership fee, they will continue with their Accreditation without attending training in 2020.

For the Good of the Commission: An email will be sent out at the beginning of October to all the Delegates/Alternates surveying their opinion for having a group Zoom meeting, an in-person meeting, any changes to Officers or have a Rollover of Officers.
Information on the Veterans Court/Track Program will be provided to all posts for display. Luz will be provided handouts to provide on her outreach in Sandwich.

Being no further business, Bob Bend made a motion to adjourn - Seconded by Bob Coulter. Roll Call Vote - Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary Tammy Anderson.

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

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	531	3577
Office	46	721
Outreach/Home Visits	3	19
Email/Mail	324	2221
Fax	38	284
Other/Forms	82	1061
Total Employee Communications	1024	7883
Total Employee Activity	1427	12700

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$25,410.00	$761,881.00
Retro	$43,189.00	$377,018.00
Total	$68,599.00	$1,138,899.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$23,083.14	$221,388.64
Training & Meetings		$186.41	$4,822.65
Office Expenses		$1,143.41	$7,094.27
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$24,923.58
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	13	$5,325.00	$47,675.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$500.00	$3,125.85
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$347.39	$2,149.50
Maintenance		$203.92	$4,891.54
	Totals	$30,789.27	$316,071.03

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	25	174
Hours Donated	145.5	889.5
Transported	28	211
Miles	3963	28240
Fuel (gallon)	188.80	1113.7

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$550,300.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-52%**	**-$285,281.76**
EXPEDITURES	**-6%**	**-$30,789.27**
BALANCE	**43%**	**$234,228.97**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

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

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 2,875.00	7	26
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 450.00	1	
Hinckley			
Kingston			
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 1,200.00	3	2
Maple Park			
Waterman			

Total	$ 5,325.00	13	28

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

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	446	4023
Office	40	761
Outreach/Home Visits	4	23
Email/Mail	307	2528
Fax	33	317
Other/Forms	92	1153
Total Employee Communications	922	8805
Total Employee Activity	1068	13768

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD
Monthly	$11,734.00	$773,615.00
Retro	$70,572.00	$447,590.00
Total	$82,306.00	$1,221,205.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD
Salaries & Benefits		$33,861.29	$255,249.93
Training & Meetings		$1,028.60	$5,851.25
Office Expenses		$713.48	$7,807.75
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$24,923.58
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	13	$5,325.00	$53,000.00
Other		$0.00	$0.00
Drivers Per Diem		$440.00	$3,565.85
Vehicle Expenses			
Fuel Cost		$0.00	$2,149.50
Maintenance		$10.00	$4,901.54
	Totals	$41,378.37	$357,449.40

Expense Description:

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	22	196
Hours Donated	119	1008.5
Transported	25	236
Miles	3878	32118
Fuel (gallon)	0.00	1113.7

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$550,300.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**-57%**	**-$316,071.03**
EXPEDITURES	**-8%**	**-$41,378.37**
BALANCE	**35%**	**$192,850.60**

Restricted Fund Balance **$681,624.09**

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Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 2,875.00	7	15
Fairdale			
Genoa	$ 450.00	1	
Hinckley			
Kingston			2
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			2
Sandwich			
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 1,200.00	3	6
Maple Park			
Waterman			

Total	$ 5,325.00	13	25

DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday November 9, 2020

Veterans of Foreign Wars	Delegates & Alternates	Present	Superintendents Report Approval 2020 SEP	OCT	Rollover of Officers	2021 Calendars
Post #1486 Sandwich.	D: Chuck Fish (V.P.)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	A: Todd Latham					
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Gerald Drake					
	A: Sarah Sweet					
Post #8387 Genoa	D:					
	A: Jose Chavez					

American Legion

Post #66 DeKalb.	D: Manuel Olalde					
	A: Robert McCann					
Post #99 Sycamore.	D: Gene Ege					
	A: Ed McComb					
Post #181 Sandwich	D: Celeste Latham (President)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
	A: Stefan Skopek					
Post #337 Genoa	D: Rich Joslin					
	A: Herb Holderman (Dir #2 2020)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
*Post #598 Hinckley	D:					
	A:					
Post #654 Waterman	D.Robert Bend (Dir #1 2021)	✓	✓	✓		
	A: James Cox					
*Post # 772 Somonauk	D: Roger Wiley					
	A: Chris Morphey					
*Post #1010 Kingston	D: Catherine M. Homan					
	A:					
40 et 8 Voiture 207	D: Robert Coulter (Treasurer)	✓	✓	✓		
	A: Frank Beierlotzer					
Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb Cty	D: Donald Jones					
	A:					
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:					
	A:					

* Not Regular Attendees — SUPERINTENDENT ✓

NC= not coming

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DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting
November 9th, 2020 Zoom meeting started at 5:00pm

Additional Voting Issues

Board Member	Approval of Minutes	Treasurer's Report	September Expenses	October Expenses
Chuck Fish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Herb Holderman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Celeste Latham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Bend	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Coulter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Board Member	Rollover of Officers	2021 Meeting Sched.	2021 Holiday Sched.	Adjournment
Chuck Fish	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Herb Holderman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Celeste Latham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Bend	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Robert Coulter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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2021 DCVAC Meeting Schedule

2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd, DeKalb, IL

January 11th
February 8th
March 8th
April 12th
May 10th
June 14th
July 12th
August 9th
September 13th
October – No Meeting
November 8th
December 13th

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2021 DCVAC Holiday Schedule

The following dates are observed & authorized as Holidays for CY2021:

New Year's Day	Friday	01/01/2021
MLK Jr	Monday	01/18/2021
Lincoln's Birthday	Friday	02/12/2021
Washington's Birthday	Monday	02/15/2021
Good Friday	Friday	04/02/2021
Memorial Day	Monday	05/31/2021
Independence Day	Monday	07/05/2021
Labor Day	Monday	09/06/2021
Columbus Day	Monday	10/11/2021
Veteran's Day	Thursday	11/11/2021
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	11/25/2021
Day-After Thanksgiving	Friday	11/26/2021
Christmas Day	Friday	12/24/2021

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Subject: Report from Sandwich Oct 15, 2020

Good Morning Everyone,
I was at Sandwich VFW Post #1486/ American Legion Post #181. I had 5people come in which included Sally from the Club and The Quartermaster ED and 3 Veterans with 4 different Veteran issues (One Veteran was for his father and himself).

3 Veterans where from DeKalb County 1 Kane county. Three of the Veterans needed DD214 or records/Medals and one needed help for Burial Benefits and grave marker.

Reminder: We are now coming to the club let your members know that we will continuing to attend on the 3rd Thursday of every Month (Between 9am and 2pm) unless changes from the Governor of IL. states otherwise.

Our next day in Sandwich will be November 19, 2020. Hines at this time will not be at the outreach, we will notify you if that changes.

Sincerely,
Luz

Due to the current Coronavirus Covid-19. We will not be receiving any walk in's or appointments for the safety of our client/Veterans, our staff and community, Until further Notice in our building.
We understand that this will be difficult & cause delays but please be patient & we will assist you as soon as possible.
Please leave a message, email or send correspondence by mail or fax. You can also call the main # at 815-756-8129
Thank you

Luz Maria Gilkey
County Veteran Service Officer
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815-756-8129 Phone
815-748-2142 Fax
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67 new COVID-19 cases reported in DeKalb County Thursday as week's cases top 500

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Where Your City...

24 Hour Veteran Vigil in Sycamore for Veterans Day

What's Going On (https://dekalbcountyonline.com/category/whats-going-on/) eWorldLinx (https://dekalbcountyonline.com/author/eworldlinx/)
1 Comment (https://dekalbcountyonline.com/24-hour-veteran-vigil-in-sycamore-for-veterans-day/) November 7, 2017

There will be a 24-hour Veteran Vigil at the DeKalb County Courthouse in Sycamore, starting at 4 p.m. this Friday, November 10, and ending at 4 p.m. on Veterans' Day, Saturday, November 11th.

Three World War II veterans are expected to be there from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. on November 11th.

There will also be a Veterans Day Ceremony in the DeKalb County Court House atrium on Saturday, November 11th at 11am.

Veterans are invited to help by standing on guard watch at any time during the vigil. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, other youth groups and residents are invited to meet the World War II veterans.

Any veteran interested in participating should contact Dwain Adkins at 815-895-6927 or adkinsdl@hotmail.com (mailto:adkinsdl@hotmail.com)

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Veteran's Day Box Lunch Order Sheet
November 11, 2020 10:00-2:00 Veteran's and their Spouse

NAME	Pickup Time	Ham & Cheese	Turkey & Cheese	Roast Beef & Cheese	Tuna	Chicken Salad

Faranda's along with DeKalb Elks Club are providing Free Lunches to all Veterans and their families!

WHAT: Drive Thru Lunch for all Veterans and their Families - All the goodness the Lincoln Inn has to offer neatly packed in a white sack: A sandwich made on our fresh baked breads, a cup of fresh fruit salad, bag of potato chips, condiments, cutlery, and a fresh baked cookie to end the meal with a smile.

WHEN: Wednesday, November 11th, 2020
Pickups from 10:00 am till 2:00 pm.
Reservations requested.

WHERE: Faranda's Banquet Center,
302 Grove Street, Downtown DeKalb

WHY: Faranda's and The DeKalb Elks want to thank you and your family for your service and sacrifice.

HOW: Call Faranda's to reserve your lunches 815.981.3304

Anderson, Tamela

From: funmeone@aol.com
Sent: Monday, November 9, 2020 10:02 AM
To: funmeone@aol.com
Subject: Re: Thank you, Veterans! us Local Sycamore Family Honors Veterans

Thank you, Veterans! Local Sycamore Family Honors Veterans

For the past three years, the Sanderson Family has been placing American flags on Veteran's graves at the Mayfield Cemetery. Kurt and Kim Sanderson and their two daughters (Jordan and Annabell) live in the Mayfield Township in Sycamore. They have fixed and replaced broken American Flags and made sure every Veteran's grave has a current flag and is noticed at the Mayfield Cemetery.

"This idea came from my husband who lost a good friend (veteran) and he felt it important to show respect to all veterans," commented Kim (Goyke) Sanderson. "I also felt this project would be a good lesson for the girls to learn more about our military service members, a positive civic project, and also to show respect for these people who served our country."

This has become an annual project for the Sanderson Family and they hope other families can create or find a volunteer project to support veterans. The Mayfield Cemetery is about a mile away from the Sanderson home, making it also more of a local neighborhood beautification project.

NOTE: Veteran's Day is celebrated on November 11. There will be a special Veteran's Ceremony in both DeKalb and Sycamore as well as other local communities at 11:00 AM.

Photos: Sanderson Family at Mayfield Cemetery and daughter Jordan with American Flag.