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DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

June 14th, 2021 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 May 2021 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurers' Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
- **a. Approval of May 2021 Expenses**

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
- **a. Change of the meeting Time**

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

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DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

May 10th, 2021

DCVAC 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, Director Herb Holderman, and acting Secretary Superintendent Tammy Anderson.

Delegate/Alternate: D-Gerald Drake (VFW Post 5768), A-Ed McComb (AL Post 99), and A-Brian Clemens (AL Post 337)

Meeting Minutes: April 12th, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Bob Coulter to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Gerry Drake – Roll Call Vote – Motion passed.

Treasurers Report: Bob Coulter stated the balance at the end of April 2021 going into May 2021 was $7253.30. No other activity was made. Motion was made by Ed McComb to accept the Treasurer's Report , subject to audit, and seconded by Herb Holderman – Roll Call Vote – Motion passed.

Superintendents' Report:

Meeting	Month Expenditures	Total Activity	Recoveries YTD	Financial Assistance	Transportation
05/10/2021	April/$42,571.67	1,851	$482,827.00	13/$5,375.00	40 Trans/31 Trips

A motion was made by Chuck Fish to approve all monthly expenses for April 2021, seconded by Bob Bend – Roll Call Vote - Motion passed.

We have a loss of an employee -

Committee Reports: See attached flyer provided by Frank Beierlotzer.

Old Business: None

New Business: Reopening of the COB will be May 17th, 2021 with Walk In Appointments only.
The next DCVAC meeting will be held in person at the COB on Monday, June 14th at 7:00pm.
Outreach was discussed about DCVAC going to each post once a month, was not practical at this time due to the manpower & tools needed to do perform our work load. Pros & Cons were discussed on additional Outreach options. Continuous discussion is anticipated at a later date.

For the Good of the Commission: We are still in dire need of volunteer drivers. DCVAC flyer/brochure will be updated & distributed to the Posts for display of services offered. Bob Bend recommended that we use our Facebook account to post information-plans have been in the making. Again, restating that the DCVAC office will be open Monday May 17th by appointment only.

Being no further business, Gerry Drake made a motion to adjourn - Seconded by Bob Bend. Roll Call Vote - Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Recording Secretary Tammy Anderson.

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2021
STATE OF THE BUDGET

VA COUNSELING

Communication	Quantity	YTD
Phone	447	2820
Office	66	198
Outreach/Home Visits	0	7
Email/Mail	331	2222
Fax	17	109
Other/Forms	249	778
Total Employee Communications	1110	6134
Total Employee Activity	1626	8614

VA AWARDANCE

	Monthly	YTD	
Monthly	$20,371.00	$	115,081.00
Retro	$68,950.00	$	457,067.00
Total	$89,321.00	$	572,148.00

EXPENDITURES

		Monthly	YTD	
Salaries & Benefits		$22,400.78	$	130,443.00
Training & Meetings		$410.93	$	2,049.23
Office Expenses		$779.06	$	4,001.49
Building Space/Maintenance		$0.00	$	22,500.00
Direct Assistance to Veteran	**Number Assisted**			
Shelter	13	$4,525.00	$	26,825.00
Other		$0.00	$	-
Drivers Per Diem		$380.00	$	1,980.00
Vehicle Expenses				
Vehicle Purchase		$0.00	$	28,803.60
Fuel Cost		$336.25	$	1,391.74
Maintenance		$1,306.00	$	5,439.39
	Totals	**$30,138.02**	$	223,433.45

Expense Description:
Deductible Insurance & Lettering of Both Vehicles

TRANSPORTATION LOGS

	Quantity	YTD
Trips	19	115
Hours Donated	110.5	634
Transported	26	137
Miles	2783	17996
Fuel (gallon)	134.50	625.6

SUMMARY

	Percentage of Budget	Amount
BUDGET	**100%**	**$525,000.00**
PREVIOUS EXPENDITURES (Jan to Present)	**37%**	**-$193,295.43**
EXPEDITURES	**6%**	**-$30,138.02**
BALANCE	**57%**	**$301,566.55**

Restricted Fund Balance **$756,236.00**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission
Report for the month June 2021
Veterans Assistance / Transportation

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 2,925.00	7	16
Fairdale			
Genoa			
Hinckley			
Kingston			
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			2
Shabbona	$ 400.00	1	
Somonauk	$ 400.00	1	
Sycamore	$ 800.00	2	8
Waterman			

Total	$ 4,525.00	11	26

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Rev. 8/19/2019

The 2021, 14th Annual Veterans Weekend will be held on Friday July 30th, Saturday July 31st, and Sunday August 1st in DeKalb County Illinois, Rain or Shine.

The Veterans Weekend is organized to get veterans, non-veterans and the community to gather together and have a fun filled weekend and also to Honor Veterans, Senior Citizens, First Responders, and Healthcare Workers.

****Call Frank for a Hotel rate of $59.99 plus tax, 815-901-3834.****

There will be a Living History Military Encampment held at the Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington Street, Genoa, Illinois 60135. The encampment will start Friday evening July 30th and remain in place until Sunday morning on August 1st of 2021. Currently four different military re-enactor units plan to participate. Contact Frank Beierlotzer, ffb66@juno.com, 815-758-5788 for more information.

Friday July 30th from 4:00pm to close the DeKalb AMVETS Post 90 will host the start of the Veterans Weekend with an **Open House MEET and GREET** Event featuring drink specials, Filthy Hog Food Trailer and the Six Pack Band from 5:00pm to 9:00pm. This is a real good way to start the weekend to honor our veterans, senior citizens, first responders and healthcare workers.

Saturday July 31st from 9:00am-11:00am the HyVee Food Store, 2700 DeKalb Avenue, Sycamore, Illinois 60178 will host a **Veterans & Community Breakfast.** They will be serving their normal breakfast plus the military's favorite **SOS.**

Saturday July 31st following the Veterans & Community Breakfast from 11:00am-11:40am staging will take place in front of the HyVee Food Store for the **Motorcycle/Motorcade Parade of Vehicles.** 2 wheelers, 3 wheelers, 4 wheelers, cars, trucks and all street licensed vehicles are encourage to participate.

The parade will start at 11:50am and is co-hosted by the **Sycamore American Legion Riders,** Genoa American Legion Riders, Heartland Hospice and DeKalb County Forty and Eight. The parade travels to eight senior living facilities in DeKalb and Sycamore for a short program to Honor Veterans, Senior Citizens, First Responders and Healthcare Workers. The parade will end at the Genoa Veterans Home.

Saturday July 31st from 2:00pm to close the Genoa Veterans Home and it's five organizations are hosting a **Veterans Awareness Fair with Blood Drive from 2:00pm until 6:00pm** and will also include various activities such as raffle, gamming, Living History Military Encampment, Filthy Hog Food Trailer, POW/MIA Remembrance Table Ceremony at 6:00pm and the Couch Coins Band from 7:00pm-11:00pm.

Sunday August 1st from 8:00am-11:00am at the Genoa Veterans Home the American Legion Auxiliary will host a **Veterans & Community Breakfast.**

Please come to one or more of the events and thank our Veterans, Senior Citizens, First Responders and Healthcare Workers for their service. Contact Frank Beierlotzer at ffb66@juno.com or 815-758-5788 for more information.

Rain or Shine Veterans and Non-Veterans are invited to attend and participate.

14th Annual Veterans Weekend, Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Friday July 30, Saturday July 31 and Sunday August 1, 2021

Spend the weekend with us in DeKalb County Illinois

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Honoring all Veterans, Senior Citizens, First Responders and Healthcare Workers all weekend

A Living History Military Encampment from Friday night to Sunday morning at the Genoa Veterans Home

30th, Friday night from 4:00pm to close, Meet and Greet at the AMVETS Post 90,
421 Oak St., DeKalb, IL 60115 **OPEN HOUSE** Food at 4:30pm

Drink specials - The Six Pack Band 5:00pm - 9:00pm

31st, Saturday, schedule as follows: (Three Events on Saturday, July 31st)
(Breakfast, Parade of Vehicles & Genoa Veterans Home)

Veterans and Community Breakfast at HyVee Food Store, 2700 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, IL 60178 The host is HyVee Food Store serving from 9:00am to 11:00am

Motorcycle/Motorcade Parade of Vehicles

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HONORING OUR SENIOR VETERANS

Also Honoring all Veterans, Senior Citizens, First Responders & Healthcare Workers

Saturday 07/31/21 HyVee Food Store **2700 DeKalb Ave., Sycamore, IL**

Staging from 11:00am to 11:40am at **HyVee Food Store in Sycamore**, IL 60178 **Leaving at 11:50am**

Program Schedule -----	Arrive	Leave
Barb City Manor, 680 Haish Blvd., DeKalb	12:15pm	12:35pm
Pine Acres Rehab & Living Center, 1212 S. 2nd St., DeKalb	12:40pm	1:00pm
DeKalb County Rehab & Nursing Center, 2600 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb	1:10pm	1:30pm
Heritage Woods, 2626 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb	1:35pm	1:55pm
Oak Crest DeKalb Area Retirement Center, 2944 Greenwood Acres. DeKalb	2:05pm	2:30pm
Bethany Healthcare & Rehab Center, 3208 Resource Pkwy., DeKalb	2:35pm	2:55pm
Grand Victorian of Sycamore, 1440 Somonauk St., Sycamore	3:05pm	3:25pm
Lincolnshire Place, 710 Vellagio Place, Sycamore	3:35pm	3:55pm

Parade co-hosts are the **Sycamore American Legion Riders,** Genoa American Legion Riders, Heartland Hospice and DeKalb County Forty and Eight Voiture 207

Genoa Veterans Home, 311 S. Washington St., Genoa, IL 60135 4:00pm Close

Veterans Awareness Fair, Raffle, Blood Drive, Food Trailer and the POW/MIA Rememberance Table Ceremony. Also - THE COUCH COINS Band

Co-hosts are the Genoa American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, Sons of the American Legion, American Legion Riders, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Genoa Veterans Home.

August 1st, Sunday, Veterans & Community Breakfast at the Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington Street, Genoa, IL 60135, serving from 8:00am to 11:00am. Hosted by the Genoa American Legion Auxiliary

Contact Frank Beierlotzer, ffb66@juno.com or 815-901-3834 for more information about the weekend. 2020-01VeteransWeekendBackSide.012

Anderson, Tamela

From: The FUN Companies <funmeevents@aol.com>
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Subject: New Veteran's Memorial Proposed by DeKalb ELKS Lodge 765
Attachments: New Memorial.jpg; Brick.jpg

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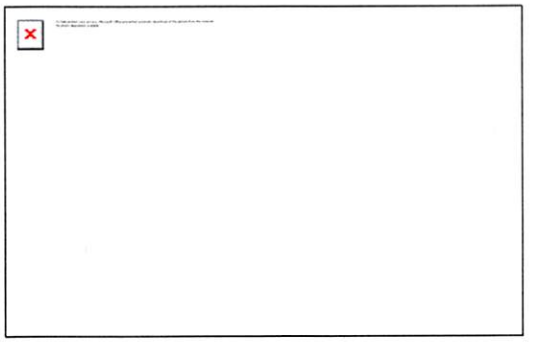
The Brick Program may be another way to honor our Veterans. (see below)

To purchase a memorial brick for a Veteran you wish to honor, please contact Robin Franklin for an application (ddrtfrank@gmail.com). Bricks are $100.00 (4 X 8) regular and $150.00 for (8 X 8) large.



New Veteran's Memorial Proposed by DeKalb ELKS Lodge 765

DeKalb, IL: The DeKalb ELKS Lodge 765 has approved a new proposed Military Veterans Memorial to be located in DeKalb. The new memorial will be

developed on the northern lot next to the Elks Lodge (209 S Annie Glidden Road-DeKalb, IL).

The concept for this memorial came from Elk and American Legion member, Michael Embrey (USAF). "Honoring our Veterans is the least we can do, especially those that have passed and deserve recognition", stated Embrey. "This project will help acknowledge Veterans who have done everything asked of them in their mission to serve our country. It will also be the first Memorial in the nation to include all six branches of military service."

The project was developed to honor both military veterans and Elk members in the northern Illinois area. The image includes nine flags, the American Flag, Army Flag, Navy Flag, Marine Flag, Coast Guard Flag, Air Force Flag, Space Force Flag, POW-MIA Flag, and ELKS Flag. This area will be branded as the "Plaza of Flags". Each of the flags and poles will be available to be sponsored by an individual, family, company, or organization. There will be a bronze plaque to acknowledge the sponsor in front of each flag. This lifetime sponsorship is $500.00 for pole/flag. Currently two poles and flags have had sponsor interest (to sponsor a flag see info below).

"The row of flags will span 52 feet, giving those coming into DeKalb and Northern Illinois University on Annie Glidden a positive welcome", commented Robin Franklin, Elk Board Member and Co-Chair of the project. "Our Elks Lodge has a strong commitment to our Veteran Community and feel this Memorial will make the bond with our military family stronger."

In front of the flags will be a large brick area featuring inscribed bricks to honor both Military Veterans and Elk members. It is located in the front 'Plaza of Flags' and is a place that residents and non-residents can remember loved ones who have served our country in the nation's different service branches (deceased, living, or active duty). To purchase a memorial brick for a Veteran you wish to honor, please contact Robin Franklin for an application (**ddrtfrank@gmail.com**). Bricks are $100.00 (4 X 8) regular and $150.00 (8 X 8) large. Companies and organizations can purchase a larger brick to honor all Veterans, for example, "*Local Bank Honors All DeKalb County Veterans*".

"We are extremely please to honor our local Veterans", commented Steffanie Barringer, former Exalted Ruler Of DeKalb Elks. "We continue to give back to Veteran groups and individuals, including our recent donation to the Dekalb American Legion to help purchase additional Honor Guard uniforms."

This project is expected to be completed by late-summer, 2021.

For more information, please contact:

If you would like additional information, please contact Robin's **Cell: 815-751-5158** or Michael's **Cell: 815-761-1263.**

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Subject: The State of Illinois Recognizes DeKalb American Legion
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The State of Illinois Recognizes DeKalb American Legion

DeKalb, IL: May is Military Appreciation Month and national observances include Armed Forces Day, May 15, and Memorial Day, May 31. Officially designated by Congress in 1999, Military Appreciation Month takes place every year throughout the entire month of May. Every year, the President of the United States issues an annual proclamation reminding Americans to celebrate this patriotic month that pays tribute to those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom.

Through the efforts of DeKalb American Legion Historian Michael Embrey (USAF) and State of Illinois Representative Jeff Keicher, the State legislators approved a State Resolution #168 to acknowledge the many accomplishments of the DeKalb American Legion Post #66 as well as honoring the 100th Anniversary of the DeKalb American Legion Post.

Representative Jeff Keicher met with members of the Legion Board and Trustees on May 3rd to present the Resolution and to thank the Legion members in attendance for all their outstanding work in supporting the community through various civic and military events, including the Ceremonial Honor Guard and their services at military funerals.

The original Resolution Document was presented to Commander Daniel Gallagher (USMC) to acknowledge his outstanding work and leadership and as a remembrance of his time as the Commander. A duplicate framed copy was presented to Trustee Chair Karen Sabanski Giuliano (USAF) to be hung in honor at the Legion Post.

Military supporters around the world can show their appreciation for our troops and their families during the month of May, to thank this community for their unwavering dedication to keeping us safe. As its title suggests, this observance is meant to raise awareness and encourage celebration and appreciation of those who serve – are who have served – in the armed forces for their country. Every role in each military branch is honored this month, from the foot soldier to the navy chef, from the Air Force navigator to the Army general.

Introduced in 1999 by Sen. John McCain and honored every May, Military Appreciation Month encourages Americans to reflect on the sacrifices made by soldiers, sailors, and all

current and former military personnel. May is an appropriate month for a military remembrance, since the month also includes VE Day, which commemorates the end of World War II in Europe, and culminates in Memorial Day, observed on the last Monday of May to honor veterans who died in service.

Photo Credits:
#1 - Copy of resolution from State Rep Jeff Keicher
#2 - State Rep Jeff Keicher and incoming Legion Commander Manuel 'Manny' Olaalde
#3 - State Rep Jeff Keicher and members of the Legion Board and Trustees

thanks..... ***Michael Embrey (USAF Veteran)***
DeKalb American Legion Historian/PR
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DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday June 14, 2021

Veterans of Foreign Wars	Delegates & Alternates	Present	Minutes	Treasurer's Report	Superintendents Report	Adjournment
	D: Chuck Fish (V.P.)	X			Y	Y
Post #1486 Sandwich.	A: Todd Latham					
	D: Gerald Drake	X			Y	Y
Post #5768 Sycamore	A:					
	D:					
Post #8387 Genoa	A: Jose Chavez					
American Legion						
	D: Manuel Olalde	X			Y	Y
Post #66 DeKalb.	A: Shannon Pfotenhauer					
	D: Dwain Adkins					
Post #99 Sycamore.	A: Ed McComb	X			Y	Y
	D: Celeste Latham (President)	X			Y	Y
Post #181 Sandwich	A: Joseph Kotalik					
	D: Herb Holderman(Dir 2020)	X			Y	Y
Post #337 Genoa	A: Brian Clemens					
	D:					
*Post #598 Hinckley	A:					
	D.Robert Bend (Dir #1 2021)	X			Y	Y
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)	X			Y	Y
40 et 8 Voiture 207	A: Frank Beierlotzer	X			Y	Y
Marine Corps League Detachment	D: Donald Jones					
#847 DeKalb Cty	A:					
	D:					
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	A:					
* Not Regular Attendees						
NC= not coming						
Tammy Anderson, Superintendent		X			Abstain	Y

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Sign in for DCVAC Meeting on June 14th, 2021

	Name	*Organization*	*Circle one*
1.	Robert E. Coulter		Driver/Passenger
2.	Chuck Fish	VFW 1486	Driver/Passenger
3.	Herb Holderman	AL 377	Driver/Passenger
4.	Ed McComb	AL 99	Driver/Passenger
5.	Frank Beierlotzer	40 & 8	Driver/Passenger
6.	Manuel Olalde	American Legion Post 66	Driver/Passenger
7.	Bob Bend	AL 654	Driver/Passenger
8.	Gerry Deake	VFW 5768	Driver/Passenger
9.	Tammy Anderson	DCVAC	Driver/Passenger
10.	Celeste Latham	AL 181 Sandwich	Driver/Passenger
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