DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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President Celeste Latham, Vice-President Jim Cox, and Treasurer Bob Coulter

DCVAC Meeting Agenda
2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., DeKalb IL
August 8th, 2022 starting at 6:00pm

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call of Delegates/Alternates

IV. Public Comment

V. Reading & Approval of the July 2022 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurer's Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
   a. Approval of July 2022 Expenses

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Old Business

X. New Business

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
July 11th, 2022
DCVAC Meeting

Meeting started at 6:02pm with President Celeste Latham presiding.

Board Members Present: President Celeste Latham, Vice President H. Jim Cox, Treasurer Bob Coulter, Director Robert Bend and acting Secretary Superintendent Tammy Anderson.

Delegate/Alternate: Ernie McGee (A), Frank Beierlotzer (D), Manuel Olalde (A), Dwain Adkins (D), Laurie Babb (D), Don Jones (D) and Ken Rowe (D).

Public Comment: Dr. Cesar Pajarillo, Chaplain Clinician at Edward Hines VAMC – discussed the services he offers to Veterans in Hospice or Palliative Care. He also invited any Veteran to participate in a ceremony he preforms honoring Veterans in his care. His contact information will be provided.

Meeting Minutes: June 13th, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by Manuel Olalde to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Don Jones – Vote called – Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Coulter reported the beginning and ending balance for June 2022 was $7218.30. Motion was made by Ken Rowe to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Don Jones subject to audit – Vote called – Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report:

Meeting	Month Expenditures	Total Activity	Recoveries YTD	Financial Assistance	Transportation
07/11/2022	June/$21,761.21	1,461	$824,172.00	8/$3,275.00	30 Trans/22 Trips

A motion was made by Bob Bend to approve June's monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Don Jones – Roll Call Vote – Motion Passed.

Committee Reports: Frank Beierlotzer provided a flyer for the 15th Annual Veterans Weekend July 29, 30, & 31 2022. See attached flyers.

Old Business: Discussion of Quorums – will shelve this discussion until a later date. Tammy will keep us updated on any changes.

New Business: N/A

For the Good of the Commission: On July 27th the flag ceremony will be held in Shabbona Forest Preserve beginning 5:30-6:00 pm, chicken will be provided please bring a dish to pass. Family members welcomed.

Hired a new Junior VSO, Scott Bennett, working out good.

Adjournment: Being no further business, a motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to adjourn, seconded by Don Jones – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:53pm.

Respectfully submitted by Recording Secretary Tammy Anderson.

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2022
STATE OF THE BUDGET

Communication	QUANTITY	YTD
Phone	393	3299
Office Visit	73	680
Outreach/Home Visits	2	18
Email/Mail	125	1557
Direct Submit	27	235
Fax	7	123
Other/General Contact Log	119	1154
Total Employee Communictions	746	7066
Total Employee Activity	1087	10349

VA AWARDANCE	MONTHLY	YTD
Monthly	$ 15,944.00	$ 158,227.00
Retro	$ 131,123.00	$ 813,012.00
Total	**$ 147,067.00**	$ 971,239.00

EXPENDITURES		MONTHLY	YTD
Salaries and Benefits		$ 28,653.43	$ 170,332.82
Training and Meetings		$ 1,186.29	$ 3,654.51
Office Expenses		$ 921.81	$ 5,208.98
Building Space/Maintenance		$ 16,000.00	$ 22,500.00
Direct Assistance to Veterans	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	8	$ 3,275.00	$ 26,925.00
Other	0	$ -	$ -
Drivers Per Diem		$ 490.00	$ 2,710.00
Disaster Assistance	0	$ -	$ -
Vehicle Expense			
Vehicle Purchase/Insurance			$ -
Fuel Cost ($4.03 per gallon)		$ 551.64	$ 2,464.02
Maintenance		$ 107.66	$ 174.71
	Totals	**$ 51,185.83**	$ 239,453.85

Transportation Logs	QUANTITY	YTD
Trips	23	148
Hours Donated	138.00	840.5
Transported	26	177
Miles	3855	24230
Fuel (gallons)	137.0	729.7

SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget	100%	$ 529,741.00
Previous YTD Expenditures	-36%	$ 188,268.02
Current Month Expenditures	-10%	$ 51,185.83
Balance	55%	**$ 290,287.15**

Restricted Fund Balance	$ 759,387.20

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VETERANS ASSISTANCE/ TRANSPORTATION REPORT
MONTH OF JULY 2022

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 2,475.00	6	19
Fairdale			
Genoa			3
Hinckley			1
Kingston			
Kirkland			1
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona	$ -		
Somonauk	$ -		
Sycamore	$ 800.00	2	2
Waterman			

Total	$ 3,275.00	8	26

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2022 (Correction)
STATE OF THE BUDGET

Communication	QUANTITY	YTD
Phone	465	2906
Office Visit	110	607
Outreach/Home Visits	1	16
Email/Mail	157	1432
Direct Submit	30	208
Fax	21	116
Other/General Contact Log	179	1035
Total Employee Communictions	963	6320
Total Employee Activity	1461	9262
VA AWARDANCE	MONTHLY	YTD
Monthly	$ 12,075.00	$ 142,283.00
Retro	$ 40,747.00	$ 681,889.00
Total	**$ 52,822.00**	$ 824,172.00

EXPENDITURES		MONTHLY	YTD
Salaries and Benefits		$ 21,831.25	$ 141,679.39
Training and Meetings		$ 963.01	$ 2,468.22
Office Expenses		$ 407.68	$ 4,287.17
Building Space/Maintenance		$ -	$ 6,500.00
Direct Assistance to Veterans	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	8	$ 3,275.00	$ 23,650.00
Other	0	$ -	$ -
Drivers Per Diem		$ 440.00	$ 2,220.00
Disaster Assistance	0	$ -	$ -
Vehicle Expense			
Vehicle Purchase/Insurance		$ -	$ -
Fuel Cost ($3.55 per gallon)		$ 603.12	$ 1,912.38
Maintenance		$ 24.00	$ 67.05
	Totals	**$ 27,544.06**	$ 188,268.02

Transportation Logs	QUANTITY	YTD
Trips	22	125
Hours Donated	116.50	702.5
Transported	30	151
Miles	3613	20375
Fuel (gallons)	169.8	592.7

SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget	100%	$ 529,741.00
Previous YTD Expenditures	-30%	$ 160,723.96
Current Month Expenditures	-5%	$ 27,544.06
Balance	64%	**$ 341,472.98**

Restricted Fund Balance	$ 759,387.20

IMPORTANT

- Sometime around the time that VA made Camp Lejeune Contaminated Water a presumptive cohort, a bunch of people who were stationed at Camp Lejeune tried to sue the government. A federal judge ruled that the law suit was not within the statute of limitations. Tough luck, but that is the law.
- The PACT Act is pending passage by the Senate and signature of the President. If that happens, it would reopen the statute of limitations to bring a suit against the government by veterans and their families who lived at Camp Lejeune.
- It is not a VA claim issue, it is a lawsuit issue.
- Here is the operative language:

SEC. 804. FEDERAL CAUSE OF ACTION RELATING TO WATER AT CAMP LEJEUNE, NORTH CAROLINA.

(a) *Short Title.—This section may be cited as the "Camp Lejeune Justice Act of 2022".*

(b) *In General.—An individual, including a veteran (as defined in section 101 of title 38, United States Code), or the legal representative of such an individual, who resided, worked, or was otherwise exposed (including in utero exposure) for not less than 30 days during the period beginning on August 1, 1953, and ending on December 31, 1987, to water at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, that was supplied by, or on behalf of, the United States may bring an action in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina to obtain appropriate relief for harm that was caused by exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune.*

(c) *Burdens And Standard Of Proof.—*

(1) IN GENERAL.—*The burden of proof shall be on the party filing the action to show one or more relationships between the water at Camp Lejeune and the harm.*

(2) STANDARDS.—*To meet the burden of proof described in paragraph (1), a party shall produce evidence showing that the relationship between exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune and the harm is—*

(A) *sufficient to conclude that a causal relationship exists; or*

(B) *sufficient to conclude that a causal relationship is at least as likely as not.*

(d) *Exclusive Jurisdiction And Venue.—The United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any action filed under subsection (b), and shall be the exclusive venue for such an action. Nothing in this subsection shall impair the right of any party to a trial by jury.*

(e) *Exclusive Remedy.—*

(1) IN GENERAL.—*An individual, or legal representative of an individual, who brings an action under this section for a harm described in subsection (b), including a latent disease, may not thereafter bring a tort action against the United States for such harm pursuant to any other law.*

(2) HEALTH AND DISABILITY BENEFITS RELATING TO WATER EXPOSURE.—*Any award made to an individual, or legal representative of an individual, under this section shall be offset by the amount of any disability award, payment, or benefit provided to the individual, or legal representative—*

(A) *under—*

(i) *any program under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs;*

(ii) *the Medicare program under title XVIII of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395 et seq.); or*

(iii) *the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.); and*

(B) *in connection with health care or a disability relating to exposure to the water at Camp Lejeune.*

(f) *Immunity Limitation.—The United States may not assert any claim to immunity in an action under this section that would otherwise be available under section 2680(a) of title 28, United States Code.*

(g) *No Punitive Damages.—Punitive damages may not be awarded in any action under this section.*

(h) *Disposition By Federal Agency Required.—An individual may not bring an action under this section before complying with section 2675 of title 28, United States Code.*

(i) *Exception For Combatant Activities.—This section does not apply to any claim or action arising out of the combatant activities of the Armed Forces.*

(j) *Applicability; Period For Filing.—*

(1) APPLICABILITY.—*This section shall apply only to a claim accruing before the date of enactment of this Act.*

(2) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—*A claim in an action under this section may not be commenced after the later of—*

(A) *the date that is two years after the date of enactment of this Act; or*

(B) *the date that is 180 days after the date on which the claim is denied under section 2675 of title 28, United States Code.*

(3) INAPPLICABILITY OF OTHER LIMITATIONS.—*Any applicable statute of repose or statute of limitations, other than under paragraph (2), shall not apply to a claim under this section.*

Camp LeJeune or MCAS New River, NC

08/01/1953 – 12/31/1987

Exposure to Trichloroethylene (TCE), Perchloroethylene (PCE), Benzene & Vinyl Chloride

Disability Compensation Presumptives (03/14/17)

Adult Leukemia – cancer of the blood cells

Aplastic Anemia – deficiency of all types of blood cells caused by failure of bone marrow development

Myelodysplastic Syndromes – abnormal blood cell production

Bladder Cancer

Kidney Cancer

Liver Cancer

Multiple Myeloma – cancer in the white blood cells accumulating in the bone marrow

Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma – large group of cancers of the Lymphocytes (white blood cells) with Lymph Nodes larger than normal

Parkinson's Disease – progressive disease of the nervous system

Healthcare Coverage Conditions

For Veterans & their Families

Camp Lejeune Families Act of 2012

Bladder Cancer
Breast Cancer
Esophageal Cancer
Female Infertility
Hepatic Steatosis
Kidney Cancer
Leukemia
Lung Cancer
Miscarriages
Multiple Myeloma
Myelodysplastic Syndromes
Neurobehavioral Effects
Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
Renal Toxicity
Scleroderma

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Anderson, Tamela

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To: Anderson, Tamela; 'su.jim109@gmail.com'; 'celestelatham@yahoo.com'; 'vfwpost1486@yahoo.com'
Subject: Outreach July 21, 2022

Tim Stubinger was present at the Sandwich VFW, Hines Community Outreach Team was not present.
I saw 2 Veterans, one from LaSalle and one from DeKalb County.

Thank you

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11th Annual DeKalb County Toy Run

Saturday, September 17th

Registration from 09:30 to 10:45.

Ride brief then kick stands up by 11:00 am

RAIN OR SHINE

Starts at Barbed Wire Harley Davidson:
969 N Peace Rd

Cost: $10 per rider / $10 per passenger
Plus AT LEAST one new, unwrapped toy per bike.

End of ride info: Raffles and music!
Food and beverages for purchase
Located at the DeKalb Elks: 209 S. Annie Glidden Rd.

Music featuring:

All proceeds support Toys for Tots in Dekalb county.

For more information contact
The Sycamore ALR at:
sycamore.alr99@yahoo.com

ALR

AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS
Post #99, Sycamore, IL. 60178
DeKalb County Toy Run 2022

Hello,

My name is James Brantley. I am a member of the American Legion Riders, Sycamore Post 99 and DeKalb County Marine Corps League. We participate in and support many charities run in the area. This year we will be running the DeKalb County Toy Run on September 17th, 2022, to support the DeKalb County Marine Corps League program and other Christmas programs in DeKalb County. Every year the Toys for Tots program provides toys for hundreds of families, with over a thousand children in DeKalb County. Without our help, many of these children will not have a very merry Christmas.

In 2011 the DeKalb County Marine Corps launched the DeKalb County Toy Run in support of this effort. For the year of 2022, the American Legion Riders Sycamore Post 99 will be running the Toy Run for the DeKalb County Marine Corps League. This motorcycle ride collects toys and money to support this cause. The Toy Run is self-funded through admission fees to ride. The admission fee is at least one toy and a small cash donation per motorcycle. All cash proceeds cover the cost incurred in conducting the ride. Any remaining funds will be donated to the DeKalb County Marine Corps League Toys for Tots and other local Christmas programs.

We are asking our friends and neighbors to help us with this event by becoming a sponsor of the DeKalb County Toy Run. Your donation will go to support these programs. We have three main levels of sponsorship: The Anchor, The Globe, and The Eagle. These are the emblems of the United States Marines.

The Anchor sponsor is for donations of $100 to $299. You or your business name will be announced during the event.

The Globe sponsor is for donations of $300 to $499. We will place your company's logo on the banner near the entertainment and announce your sponsorship during the event.

The Eagle sponsor is for donations of $500 or more. We will place your company's logo at the top portion of the banner in large print. The banner is placed near the entertainment and your company name will be announced during the event.

Of course, any cash or raffle item donation of any size will help this wonderful cause.

Donations must be received by August 30, 2022 to ensure your logo is placed on the sponsorship banner. We are also excepting donations of raffle prizes conducted at the end of the ride party.

Please make checks payable to American Legion Riders Post 99, 121 S. California, Sycamore, IL. 60178. Please write 2022 Toy Run in the memo line.

Thanks again,

James Brantley

Chairman

815-970-5091

2nd Mondays	6:00pm	Dekalb County Veterans Assistance Commission, 815-756-8129
		Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial Monument Restoration
08/14/22	7:00am	Illinois State Fair Veterans Day (Veterans Free)
09/07/22	8:00am	Sandwich Fair (Wednesday/Thursday/Friday/Saturday/Sunday)
09/11/22	6:00pm	9/11 Ceremony at Whiskey Acres
11/04/22	3:30pm	Ceremony for 24 Hour Veterans Vigil, Dekalb Courthouse Avenue of Flags
11/04/22	4:00pm	24 Hour Veterans Vigil, Dekalb Courthouse Avenue of Flags
		Marine – Toys for Tots
		WLBK – Let's Talk Turkey
		WLBK – Freezin' for Food Drive
05/29/23		Memorial Day Activities
05/29/23	6:45am	31st Annual Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast
07/04/23		4th of July Activities
08/04/23		16th Annual Veterans Weekend (Friday/Saturday/Sunday)

DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday August 8, 2022

Veterans of Foreign Wars	Delegates & Alternates	Present	Superintendent's Report Approval July 2022		
	D: H. James Cox (V.P.)				
Post #1486 Sandwich.	*A: Rebecca Ropp*				
	D: Gerald Drake	X	Y		
Post #5768 Sycamore	*A: Ernie McGee*				
	D: Frank Beierlotzer	X	Y		
Post #8387 Genoa	*A: Donald Brown*	X			

American Legion

	D:				
Post #66 DeKalb.	*A: Manuel Olalde*	X	Y		
	D: Dwain Adkins	X	Y		
Post #99 Sycamore.	*A: Ed McComb*				
	D: Celeste Latham (President)	X	Y		
Post #181 Sandwich	*A: Joseph Kotalik*				
	D: Laurie Babb				
Post #337 Genoa	*A: William Lambert*	X	Y		
	D:				
**Post #598 Hinckley*	*A:*				
	D.Robert Bend (Dir 2023)	X	Y		
Post #654 Waterman	*A: Nicole Begne*				
	D: Roger Wiley				
**Post # 772 Somonauk*	*A: Chris Morphey*				
	D:				
**Post #1010 Kingston*	*A:*				

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

	D: Ken Rowe	X	Y		
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	*A:*				

* Not Regular Attendees

NC= not coming

DCVAC Superintendent	Tammy Anderson	X	**Abstain**		

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Sign in for DCVAC meeting on August 8th, 2021

Name & Organization		Circle One
1.	Gerry Drake Syc. 5745	Driver/Passenger
2.	Ken Rowe Amvets 90	Driver/Passenger
3.	Don Brown VFW GENOA	Driver/Passenger
4.	Frank Beierlotzer Genoa VFW	Driver/Passenger
5.	DWAIN ADKINS SYCAMORE AMERICAN LEGION DELEGATE	Driver/Passenger
6.	Manuel E. Valdez DeKalb American Legion	Driver/Passenger
7.	Celeste Latham 181	Driver/Passenger
8.	Bill Lambert Leg 337	Driver/Passenger
9.	Robert Bird AL 654	Driver/Passenger
10.	Robert E Coulter 40 8	Driver/Passenger
11.		Driver/Passenger
12.		Driver/Passenger