# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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**40 et 8 Voiture 207**

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

## 2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Five Seasons Room
## DeKalb IL
## May 8th, 2023 starting (tentatively) 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 April 2023 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurer's Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
  a. Approval of April 2023 Expenses

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Old Business
  a. MVAA & By Law Change Discussion and review
  b. New Vehicle – Discussion/Approval to Purchase

X. New Business

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
# April 10th, 2023
# DCVAC Meeting

Meeting started at 6:01pm with President Celeste Latham presiding.

**Board Members Present:** President Celeste Latham, Vice-President James Cox, Treasurer Bob Coulter, Director Bob Bend, and acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

**Delegate/Alternate:** Ernie McGee (A), Donald Brown (D), Frank Beierlotzer (A), Joseph Hodder (D), Charlotte Hodder (A), Dwain Adkins (D), Laurie Babb (D), and William Lambert (A).
**Guests:** George Schippits.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Meeting Minutes:** March 13th 2023 minutes were reviewed. Motion was made by William Lambert to accept the minutes as read, and seconded by Laurie Babb – Vote called – Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Coulter reported the beginning balance for March 2023 was $7558.30, a deposit was made for $2365.00 making the ending balance $10,123.30. Motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bob Bend subject to audit – Vote called – Motion passed.

**Superintendent's Report:**

| Meeting | Month Expenditures | Total Activity | Recoveries YTD | Financial Assistance | Transport |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 04/10/2023 | March /$46,483.30 | 2,312 | $344,221.00 | 7/$3,375.00 | 25 Trans/20 Trips |

A motion was made by Ernie McGee to approve March's monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Donald Brown – Roll Call Vote – Motion Passed.

**Committee Reports:** Frank Beierlotzer provided a Veterans flyer of upcoming events (see attachment).

**Old Business:** Discussion of By Law changes – copies of these changes have been emailed to everyone. Additional changes will also be mailed to everyone for next month's discussion.

**New Business:** N/A

**For the Good of the Commission:** N/A

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, a motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to adjourn, seconded by William Lambert – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**
**REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2023**
**STATE OF THE BUDGET**

| **Communication** | QUANTITY | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Phone | 488 | 2044 |
| Office Visit | 153 | 626 |
| Outreach/Home Visits | 6 | 15 |
| Email/Mail | 176 | 888 |
| Direct Submit | 39 | 184 |
| Fax | 9 | 39 |
| Other/Forms | 223 | 1017 |
| Total Employee Communictions | 1035 | 4754 |
| Total Employee Activity | 1408 | 3720 |

| **VA AWARDANCE** | MONTHLY | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Monthly | $ 17,880.00 | $ 77,763.00 |
| Retro | $ 64,394.00 | $ 348,732.00 |
| Total | **$ 82,274.00** | $ 426,495.00 |

| **EXPENDITURES** | | MONTHLY | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries and Benefits | | $ 28,715.24 | $ 119,782.63 |
| Training and Meetings | | $ 1,561.50 | $ 3,463.95 |
| Office Expenses | | $ 1,337.62 | $ 4,503.46 |
| Building Space/Maintenance | | $ - | $ 6,500.00 |
| **Direct Assistance to Veterans** | **Number Assisted** | | |
| Shelter | 7 | $ 3,375.00 | $ 12,500.00 |
| Other | 0 | $ - | $ - |
| Drivers Per Diem | | $ 740.00 | $ 1,700.00 |
| Disaster Assistance | 0 | $ - | $ - |
| **Vehicle Expense** | | | |
| Vehicle Purchase | | $ - | $ - |
| Fuel Cost | | $ - | $ 761.45 |
| Maintenance | | $ 524.33 | $ 6,984.49 |
| | **Totals** | **$ 36,253.69** | $ 156,195.98 |

| **Transportation Logs** | QUANTITY | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Trips | 35 | 104 |
| Hours Donated | 206.50 | 591.2 |
| Transported | 45 | 128 |
| Miles | 5968 | 16920 |
| Fuel (gallons) | 0.0 | 279.6 |

| **SUMMARY** | PERCENTAGE | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| Budget | 100% | $ 577,750.00 |
| Previous YTD Expenditures | -21% | $ 119,942.29 |
| Current Month Expenditures | -6% | $ 36,253.69 |
| **Balance** | 73% | **$ 421,554.02** |

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|---|---|
| Restricted Fund Balance | $ 954,608.77 |

**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**
**VETERANS ASSISTANCE/ TRANSPORTATION REPORT**
**MONTH OF APRIL 2023**

| | Shelter | | Transportation |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Towns** | **Amount** | **# of Vets** | **# of Vets** |
| Cortland | | | |
| DeKalb | $ 1,875.00 | 4 | 37 |
| Fairdale | | | |
| Genoa | | | |
| Hinckley | | | |
| Kingston | | | |
| Kirkland | | | |
| Lee | | | |
| Malta | | | |
| Sandwich | | | 1 |
| Shabbona | | | 2 |
| Somonauk | | | |
| Sycamore | $ 1,500.00 | 3 | 5 |
| Waterman | | | |

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total | $ 3,375.00 | 7 | 45 |

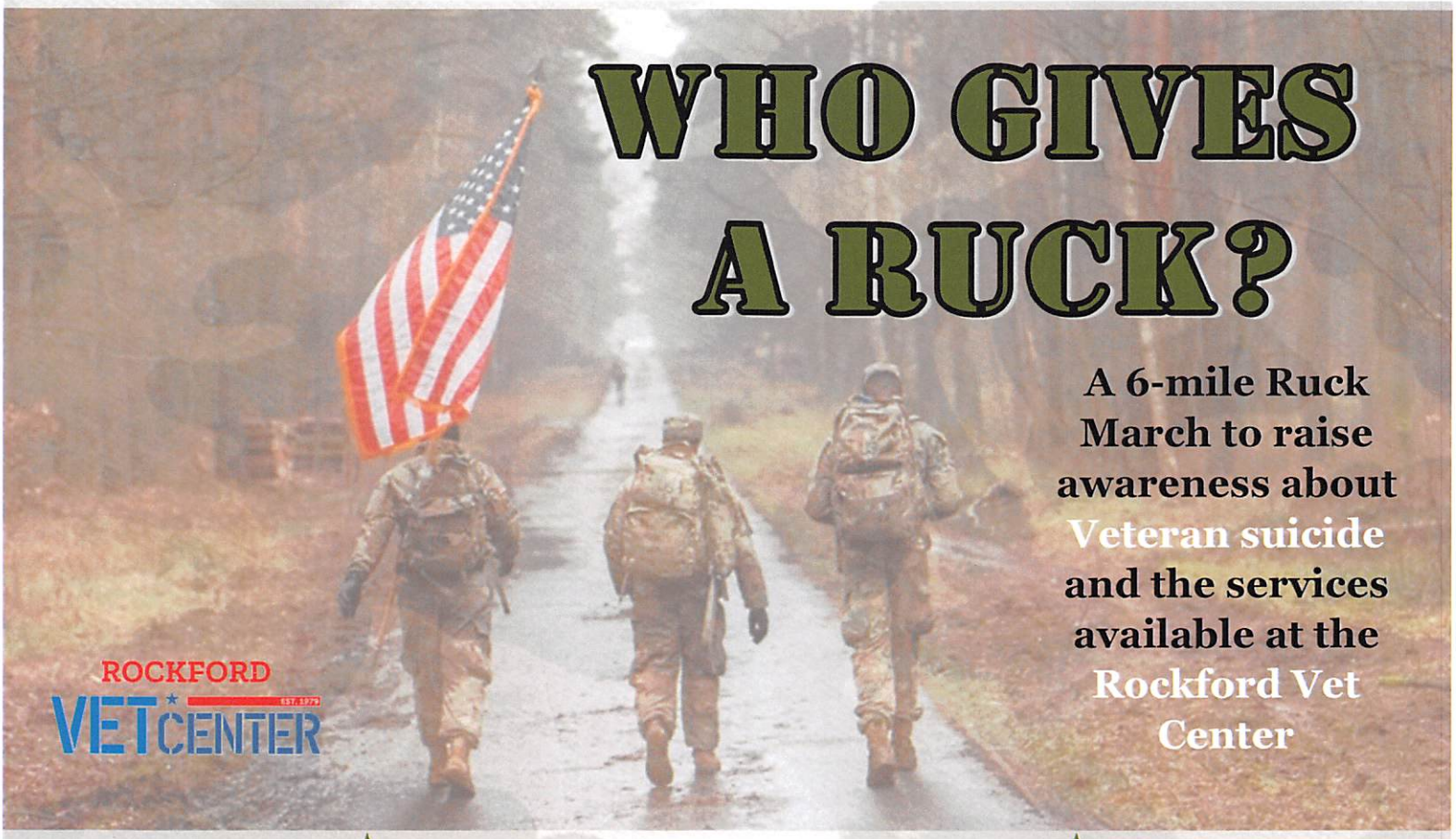
**SYCAMORE MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM**

MAY 29, 2023

10:30 AM

SPONSORED BY SYCAMORE VETERANS CLUB

The Sycamore Veterans Club will be hosting Memorial Day program. The parade will start at 10:30am at 121 S California St and parade down Somonauk St to Charles St and end at Elmwood Cemetery. The American Legion Riders will lead the parade. The Sycamore Middle School Band under the direction of Mr. Scott Mertens will be playing patriotic songs, Local Scout units will be marching with the Veterans. The ceremony at Elmwood Cemetery will begin at approximately 11:00am. Local Scout units will be doing a flag folding ceremony, Mr. Dave Lundberg will be singing patriotic songs and the Sycamore Veterans will have a ceremony for all veterans who have passed on. Let's all come out and recognize all the veterans to have passed on before us and remember them on this day.



# WHO GIVES A RUCK?

ROCKFORD VETCENTER

**A 6-mile Ruck March to raise awareness about Veteran suicide and the services available at the Rockford Vet Center**

## Sunday, May 28, 2023

**March begins at 8:30am (Registration 7:00-8:15am)**

**Peak Sports Club, 4401 Peak Dr., Loves Park**

*Participants are encouraged to carry a 20 lb. weighted backpack (ruck) to symbolize the 20 Veterans who succumb to suicide every day.*

*A half-march (3 miles) with/without a weighted ruck can also be done.*

***The Rockford Vet Center is a community-based counseling center that provides a wide range of social and psychological services, including professional counseling to eligible Veterans, service members, and their families.***

**In Collaboration With**

Olson FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES

PEAK SPORTSCLUB

## Online Registration $35

**Includes T-shirt and Dog Tag (to first 75 registrants)**

WHO GIVES A RUCK? 2023

**Register at www.runsignup.com**

**Who Gives a Ruck? about Veteran Suicide**

**All proceeds will benefit the Veterans Drop-In Center in Rockford. For more info about the services they provide to Veterans, visit veteransdropincenter.com.**

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***DeKalb County***
***Forty et Eight***
***Voiture 207***

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The ***2023 MAYORS' MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST*** **will be on Monday, May 29, 2023** from 6:45am to 7:15am at the **Elks DeKalb Lodge No. 765,** 209 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

**This will be the 31st breakfast on Memorial Day and the 8th breakfast at the Elks Lodge.** We are asking all community members to join us and then attend one or more of the Memorial Day events. There will be a United Prayer at 7:15 am. and a short program at 7:30am that will be done by 8:00am.

**Past and current co-sponsors** of the breakfast are the Greater DeKalb Chamber of Commerce, Greater Sycamore Chamber of Commerce, Genoa Chamber of Commerce, Greater Kirkland Area Chamber of Commerce, Waterman Business Association, Sycamore Kiwanis Club, DeKalb County Marines, DeKalb County Chapter of VietNow, DeKalb City VFW, Genoa American Legion, DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC), DeKalb Lodge #144 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, Northern Illinois Veterans Activities Committee (NIVAC), DeKalb County Forty and Eight Voiture 207, **Elks DeKalb Lodge No. 765,** DeKalb American Veterans (AMVETS), Legislators that represent parts of DeKalb County and DeKalb Sons of the American Legion Squadron 66..

**Past and current co-hosts** of the breakfast are Mayors and Village Presidents Bernard McMillan, Greg Sparrow, Gene Lawrence, Marvin Bernhardy, Patrick McCormick, Sandy Rempfer, Marcia Staniszewski, Kenneth Hetchler, Jim Edwards, Les Bellah, Jerry Olson, David Rood, Bessie Chronopolus, Ben Suppleland, John Swedberg, Todd Walker, Vince McCabe, Doug Scott, Roger Bosworth, Joseph Diedrich, Tom Thomas, Rick Dettman, Claudia Hicks, Ken Mundy, Frank Van Buer, Robert Seyller, Mike Becker, Clidea Lave, Ross Dueringer, Kris Povlsen, Richard Boris, Russ Stokes, John Rey, Mark Vicary, Rick Olson, Jerry Smith, Curt Lang, Darryl Beach, Ryan Block, Todd Latham, Pete Robinson, Cohen Barnes, Steve Braser, Mark Pietrowski Jr., Bob Iverson, and Jonathon Brust.

Sincerely,

**POW*MIA**
**YOU ARE NOT**
**FORGOTTEN**

Remembering veterans
on Memorial Day
and all year long.

Grande Voiture d' Illinois, Forty et Eight,
DeKalb County Voiture 207
Public Relations, Frank F. Beierlotzer,
1364 Omega Circle Drive, DeKalb IL 60115

**E-mail ffb66@juno.com or Phone 815-758-5788**

**Please RSVP and prepay by check.** **Please clip on the line and return as soon as possible.**

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Title_____ Phone #_____

Name_____ **E-mail**_____

Address_____ City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Guest(s) Name(s)_____
I/we will be at the 2023 Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast. (please circle one) yes or no #(_____) attending

Pay in advance to help us with our planning. Check#_____ Amount_____

**$10.00 RSVP Check & prepaid before 05-25-2023. CHECKS payable to: 40&8 - 2023 Mayors' Breakfast**

**Mail to: 40&8 Breakfast, 158 W. State Street, Sycamore, Il 60178**

Otherwise, just show up and pay $15.00 at the unpaid table located in the bar area. 2023-MMDB-DCVAC-Inv.001_____

## DeKalb County Veterans Activities List for 2023 as of **05/01/23**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sat | Every Sat | 12:00pm | 2:00pm | **Luncheon**, Genoa Vetertans Home, 815-784-5967 |
| Mon | 2nd Mon | 6:00pm | DeKalb | **DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission** (DCVAC) **Meetings**, 815-756-8129<br>2500 North Annie Glidden Road, Suite A, DeKalb, IL 60115<br>(Anyone may attend the meetings)<br>(Veterans , please call 815-756-8129 and make an appointment for help) |
| Sat | 2nd Sat | 10:00am | DeKalb | **DeKalb AMVETS Post 90 Meetings**, 421 east Oak St., (1st year's membership is free) |
| Sat | 2nd Sat | 2:00pm | Genoa | **Genoa American Legion Riders** (ALR) Post 337 **Meetings**, Genoa Veterans Home<br>(You do not need to be a veteran or member to ride with us) **(Riding to have FUN)** |
| Mon | 4th Mon | 5:00pm | Genoa | **Genoa Veterans of Foreign Wars** (VFW) Post 8387 **Meetings**, Genoa Veterans Home |
| Sun | | | Kirkland | **Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial** (NIVM) Monument Restoration, Kirkland<br>(Call Guy Sparrow, 920-570-3434, for more information) |
| Mon | 05/29/23 | 6:45am | 7:30am | 31st Annual Mayors' **Memorial Day Breakfast**, DeKalb Elks Lodge 765 (Pre-Paid $10) |
| Mon | 05/29/23 | 8:00am | 11:45am | Motorcycle Escort, DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, DeKalb,Sycamore & Genoa Memorial Day Parades |
| Mon | 05/29/23 | Various | | Numerous Memorial Day Ceremonies & Activities |
| Tue | 07/04/23 | Various | | 4th of July Activities & Events |
| Sun | 07/23/23 | | | Toys for Tots, Motorcycle Run, Elburn, Genoa, Sandwich, Sugar Grove & Live Band at Elburn |
| Fri | 08/04/23 | **All Weekend** | | **16th Annual Veterans Weekend, (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)** |
| Fri | 08/04/23 | 4:00pm | | **Veterans Appreciation WEEKEND Kick Off** |
| | | 4:00pm | | DeKalb AMVETS Post 90, 421 East Oak Street, DeKalb, Illinois 60115<br>**MEET & GREET**, Food Truck and **Live Band (The Beaux 5:00pm-9:00pm)** |
| Fri | 08/04/23 | 4:00pm | | **Living History Military Encampment**, Genoa Veterans Home, all weekend |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | TBD | TBD | **Motorcycle/Motorcade Parade of Vehicles, Honoring Senior Veterans**<br>Sycamore American Legion Riders, (815-739-9760 or sycamore.alr99@yahoo.com)<br>Staging at Barbed Wire Harley-Davidson, 969 Peace Road, DeKalb, IL 60115 |
| | | | | **Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington Street, Genoa, Illinois 60135** |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | 7:30am | 10:00am | Genoa Sons of the American Legion, **Pancake Breakfast (7:30am-10:00am)** |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | Noon | 2:00pm | Genoa Sons of the American Legion, **Luncheon (Noon-2:00pm)** |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | 1:00pm | 4:30pm | Genoa American Legion, **Veterans Awareness Fair (1:00pm-4:30pm)** |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | 4:00pm | 5:30pm | Genoa Veterans of Foreign War, **Spaghetti Dinner (4:00pm-5:30pm)** |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | 4:30pm | 10:00pm | **Two Live Bands (Polly Says 4:30pm-6:30pm & Couch Coins 7:00pm-10:00pm )** |
| Sat | 08/05/23 | 7:00pm | 10:00pm | **Food Truck (7:00pm-10:00pm)** |
| Sun | 08/06/23 | 7:30am | 10:00am | Genoa American Legion Auxiliary, **Veterans and Community Breakfast**, Genoa Veterans Home |
| Sun | 08/06/23 | 7:30am | 1:00pm | **Sportsman's Show**, Genoa Veterans Home |
| Sun | 08/06/23 | | | Hogs for Dogs, Motorcycle Ride ending at the Genoa Veterans Home |
| Sun | 09/17/23 | | | Toy Run, Motorcycle Ride, Sycamore ALR, 815-739-9760, sycamore.alr99@yahoo.com |
| Fri | 11/03/23 | 2:40pm | Sycamore | Posting of the Guards, 24 Hour Veterans Vigil, DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags |
| Fri | 11/03/23 | 3:00pm | Sycamore | 24 Hour Veterans Vigil, DeKalb Courthouse Avenue of Flags |
| Sat | 11/04/23 | 3:00pm | Sycamore | Closing Ceremony, **24 Hour Veterans Vigil,** DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags<br>(Call Dwain Adkins, 815-895-6927, if you wish to stand at the Vigil) |

Provided by DeKalb County 40&8, Voiture 207 **All events are subject to change**

Frank Beierlotzer, Public Relations Officer 815-901-3834 ffb66@juno.com DeKalbCoVAL2023-05.016

# DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
# Voting Monday May 8th, 2023

| *Veterans of Foreign Wars* | Delegates & Alternates | Present | Superintendents Report Approval April 2023 | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D: H. James Cox (V.P.)* | X | Y | | |
| *Post #1486 Sandwich.* | *A: Rebecca Ropp* | | | | |
| | *D: Gerald Drake* | X | Y | | |
| *Post #5768 Sycamore* | *A: Ernie McGee* | | | | |
| | *D: Donald Brown* | X | Y | | |
| *Post #8387 Genoa* | *A: Frank Beierlotzer* | X | | | |

*American Legion*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D: Joseph Hodder* | X | Y | | |
| *Post #66 DeKalb.* | *A: Charlotte Hodder* | X | | | |
| | *D: Dwain Adkins* | X | Y | | |
| *Post #99 Sycamore.* | *A: Ed McComb (Dir 2023)* | X | | | |
| | *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 2022)* | X | Y | | |
| *Post #654 Waterman* | *A: Nicole Begne* | | | | |
| | *D:* | | | | |
| **Post # 772 Somonauk* | *A:* | | | | |
| | *D:* | | | | |
| **Post #1010 Kingston* | *A:* | | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D: Robert Coulter (Treasurer)* | X | Y | | |
| *40 et 8 Voiture 207* | *A: Loren Monsess* | | | | |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D: Ken Rowe* | | | | |
| *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 May 8th, 2023

| Name & Organization | | Circle One |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Frank Beierlotzer | | Driver/Passenger |
| 2. Don Brown | | Driver/Passenger |
| 3. Jim Cox | VFW 1486 | Driver/Passenger |
| 4. Robert Coulter | 4088 | Driver/Passenger |
| 5. Charlotte Hodder | DeKalb AL 0066 | Driver/Passenger |
| 6. Joe Hodder | Post 66 | Driver/Passenger |
| 7. Bill Lambert | Post 337 | Driver/Passenger |
| 8. Celeste Latham | Post 181 | Driver/Passenger |
| 9. Bob Beal | AL 654 | Driver/Passenger |
| 10. Henry Duke | Post 5768 | Driver/Passenger |
| 11. Ed McComb | Post 99 AL | Driver/Passenger |
| 12. Dwain Adkins | Post 99 | Driver/Passenger |

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|---|---|
| 1. Robert Barbusl Citizen | Driver/Passenger |
| 2. Joseph Bmarcinkowski County Board | Driver/Passenger |
| 3. | Driver/Passenger |
| 4. | Driver/Passenger |
| 5. | Driver/Passenger |
| 6. | Driver/Passenger |
| 7. | Driver/Passenger |
| 8. | Driver/Passenger |
| 9. | Driver/Passenger |
| 10. | Driver/Passenger |
| 11. | Driver/Passenger |
| 12. | Driver/Passenger |