

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

American Legion Posts 66, 99, 181, 337, 598, 654, 772, & 1010

AmVets Post 90

Marine Corps League Detachment 847

Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 1486, 5768, & 8387

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

2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Five Seasons Room

DeKalb IL

March 11th, 2024 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 February 2024 Meeting Minutes**
- VI. Treasurer's Report**
- VII. Superintendent's Report**
 - a. Approval of February 2024 Expenses**
- VIII. Committee Reports**
- IX. Unfinished Business**
 - a. Discuss Investment of Commission Funds – Possible Financial Action**
- X. New Business**
 - a. Discuss Increase of Financial Assistance Amount – Possible Financial Action**
- XI. For the Good of the Commission**
- XII. Adjournment**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
February 26th, 2024
DCVAC Meeting

Meeting started at 6:00pm with President Celeste Latham presiding.

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

Delegate/Alternate: Ernie McGee (A), Joseph Hodder (D), Charlotte Hodder (A), Dwain Adkins (D), Dick Hilderbrant (D) and William Lambert (A).

Public Comment: Mike Embrey providing information and handouts for DeKalb County Veterans Recognition Fund.

Meeting Minutes: January 8th 2024 minutes were reviewed. No changes were discussed – Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: On 12/29/23 the balance was \$10,123.30 and as of 01/31/2024 the balance remained the same. No activity on the account. Motion was made by Ed McComb to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bill Lambert subject to audit – Vote called – Motion passed.
Bob also explained that he was still looking into financial options.

Superintendent's Report:

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Month Expenditures</u>	<u>Total Activity</u>	<u>Recoveries YTD</u>	<u>Financial Assistance</u>	<u>Transport</u>
02/26/2024	January/\$30,969.18	2,117	\$263,202.56	7/\$3,375.00	32 Trans/25 Trips

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

Committee Reports: N/A

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: A discussion was made in regards to increasing the financial assistance amount by \$100.00. Jim Cox made the motion to add this item to our March 2024 Agenda. Seconded by Ernie McGee.

For the Good of the Commission: Sandwich VFW will be having their Corn Beef & Cabbage on 03/02/2024 from 4-7pm. Oregon VFW is having their Corn Beef & Cabbage 03/16/2024 from 4-8pm. Sycamore Veterans Club are selling tickets for a fundraiser.

Adjournment: Being no further business, a motion was made by Ernie McGee to adjourn, seconded by Don Brown – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2024
STATE OF THE BUDGET

Communication	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Phone	569	1138
Office Visit	184	347
Outreach/Home Visits	1	5
Email/Mail	354	706
Direct Submit	72	131
Fax	21	26
Other/Forms	364	652
Total Employee Communications	1565	3005
<u>Total Employee Activity</u>	2310	4427
VA AWARDANCE	<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Monthly	\$ 33,260.27	\$ 69,298.01
Retro	\$ 113,474.38	\$ 340,639.20
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$ 146,734.65</u>	<u>\$ 409,937.21</u>

EXPENDITURES		<u>MONTHLY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Salaries and Benefits		\$ 29,534.46	\$ 57,128.64
Training and Meetings		\$ 452.65	\$ 452.65
Office Expenses		\$ 2,327.05	\$ 2,327.05
Building Space/Maintenance		\$	-
Direct Assistance to Veterans	<u>Number Assisted</u>		
Shelter	8	\$ 3,925.00	\$ 7,300.00
Other	0	\$ -	\$ -
Drivers Per Diem		\$ 520.00	\$ 520.00
Disaster Assistance	0	\$ -	\$ -
Vehicle Expense			
Fuel Cost (\$2.60 PER GAL)		\$ 299.10	\$ 299.10
Maintenance		\$ 460.32	\$ 460.32
Totals		<u>\$ 37,518.58</u>	<u>\$ 68,487.76</u>

Transportation Logs	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Trips	25	50
Hours Donated	140.50	281
Transported	32	64
Miles	3769	7538
Fuel (gallons)	114.9	114.9

SUMMARY	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Budget	100%	\$ 577,750.00
Previous YTD Expenditures	-5%	\$ 30,969.18
Current Month Expenditures	-6%	\$ 37,518.58
Balance	88%	\$ 509,262.24

Restricted Fund Balance \$ 681,627.09

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VETERANS ASSISTANCE/ TRANSPORTATION REPORT
MONTH OF JANUARY 2024

Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			
DeKalb	\$ 2,925.00	6	21
Fairdale	\$ -		
Genoa			2
Hinckley			2
Kingston			
Kirkland			2
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			1
Shabbona			
Somonauk			
Sycamore	\$ 1,000.00	2	4
Waterman			
Total	\$ 3,925.00	8	32

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

Towns	Shelter		Transportation
	Amount	# of Vets	# of Vets
Cortland			1
DeKalb	\$ 1,875.00	4	21
Fairdale			
Genoa			2
Hinckley			1
Kingston			
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich			
Shabbona			2
Somonauk			
Sycamore	\$ 1,000.00	2	7
Waterman			
Total	\$ 2,875.00	6	34

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The **2024 MAYORS' MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST** will be on Monday, May 27, 2024 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 32nd breakfast on Memorial Day and the 9th 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 Bernhardt, 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 40&8 Voiture 207
Public Relations, Frank F. Beierlotzer,
1384 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.**

Title _____ Phone # _____

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Guest(s) Name(s) _____
I/we will be at the 2024 Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast. (please circle one) yes or no # (____) attending

Pay in advance to help us with our planning. Check No. _____ Amount _____

\$10.00 RSVP Check before 05-22-2024. **CHECKS payable to: 40&8 - 2024 Mayors' Breakfast**

Pay on line at: <https://Mayors2024.eventbrite.com>

Mail/Hand deliver \$10.00 per person a check 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. 2024-MMDB-Inv-V-Frank.001 _____

Veteran Activities List for 2024 -2025

as of

Saturday, March 9, 2024

Almost Every Sat	Noon	2:00pm		Luncheon at Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington Street, 815-784-5967
Mon	2nd Mon	6:00pm	DeKalb	DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) Meetings , 815-756-8129 2500 North Annie Glidden Road, Suite A, DeKalb, IL 60115 (Anyone may attend the meetings but please call to confirm the meeting date and time) (Veterans , please call 815-756-8129 and make an appointment for help)
Sat	2nd Sat	10:00am	DeKalb	DeKalb AMVETS Post 90 Meetings at 421 east Oak St., (1st year's membership is free)
Sat	2nd Sat	Noon	DeKalb	DeKalb Sons of the American Legion Post 66 Meetings in DeKalb
Sat	2nd Sat	2:00pm	Genoa	Genoa American Legion Riders (ALR) Post 337 Meetings at Genoa Veterans Home Weather permitting, a ride after meetings No meetings in January or February. (You do not need to be a veteran or member to ride with us) (Riding to have FUN)
Sun	3rd Sun	4:00pm	Kirkland	Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial (NIVM) Committee Meetings at Resource Bank (The current project is to replace all faded panels on the southeast side of the memorial) NIVM is an Internal Revenue Code tax exempt IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization. Donations can be sent to: Resource Bank, PO Box 464, Kirkland, IL 60146 Make checks payable to: Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial (Memo: NIVM Restoration) (Call Guy Sparrow, 920-570-3434, for more information)
Mon	4th Mon	5:00pm	Genoa	Genoa Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8387 Meetings at Genoa Veterans Home
Going in October of 2024				Seeking female veterans to go to Washington DC on Operation HerStory Flight Contact Charloette Hodder at 815-751-1805 or cashodder1976@comcast.net
Sun	05/19/24	(4 days)	Beloit, WI	VetsRoll , May 19-22, 2024, (FREE) Veterans and Rosie-the-Riveters to Washington, DC Annually transporting America's Senior Veterans and Rosie-the-Riveters to Washington DC facebook.com/VetsRoll.org, VetsRoll.org, mark@vetsroll.org or 608-207-8319
Mon	05/27/24	6:45am	7:30am	Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast , DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, (\$10 RSVP Prepaid)(\$15 at the door) Contact Frank Beierlotzer, 815-901-3834 or ffb66@juno.com, for more information.
Mon	05/27/24	8:00am	11:45am	Motorcycle Parade Escort for the DeKalb, Sycamore & Genoa Memorial Day Parades Contact Frank Beierlotzer, 815-901-3834 or ffb66@juno.com, for more information.
Fri	08/02/24	Friday & All Weekend		17th Annual Veterans Weekend, (Friday, Saturday & Sunday)
Fri	08/02/24	5:00pm	Close	Veterans Appreciation WEEKEND, Kick Off, DeKalb AMVETS
Fri	08/02/24	Friday night - Sunday		Living History Military Encampment , Genoa Veterans Home, all weekend
Sat	08/03/24	8:00am	2:30pm	Motorcycle/Motorcade Parade of Vehicles, Honoring Senior Veterans
Sat	08/03/24	2:00pm	4:00pm	Veterans Awareness Fair , Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington Street, 60135
Sun	08/04/24	Not confirmed yet		Maybe a CAMPFIRE scrambled eggs breakfast
Going in October of 2024				Seeking female veterans to go to Washington DC on Operation HerStory Flight Contact Charloette Hodder at 815-751-1805 or cashodder1976@comcast.net
Fri	11/08/24	3:00pm	3:00pm	DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags 24 Hour Vigil , Dwain Adkins 815-895-6927

Provided by DeKalb County 40&8, Voiture 207

All events are subject to change

Frank Belerlotzer, Public Relations Officer

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Investment Options

Resource Bank – DeKalb - 1 year \$5000 – 0.99%

**Heartland Bank – Sycamore – 1 year \$5000 1.00%, 7 months 4.19%, 9 months
4.25%**

First National Bank – DeKalb – 7 months \$5000 4.34%

Edwards Jones – 1 year \$5000 5.15%



DeKalb County Veterans Organizations Voting Monday March 11th, 2024

<i>Veterans of Foreign Wars</i>	Delegates & Alternates	Present	Superintendents Report Approval February 2024	Financial Investing	Increase Fi
Post #1486 Sandwich.	D: H. James Cox (V.P.)	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: Rebecca Ropp				
Post #5768 Sycamore	D: Gerald Drake				
	A: Ernie McGee	X	Y	Y	Y
Post #8387 Genoa	D: Donald Brown	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: Frank Beierlotzer	X	Y	Y	Y
American Legion					
Post #66 DeKalb.	D: Joseph Hodder	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: Charlotte Hodder	X	Y	Y	Y
Post #99 Sycamore.	D: Dwain Adkins	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: Ed McComb (Dir 2025)				
Post #181 Sandwich	D: Celeste Latham (President)	X	abstain	abstain	abstain
	A: Joseph Kotalik				
Post #337 Genoa	D: Dick Hilderbrant	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: William Lambert	X	Y	Y	Y
*Post #598 Hinckley	D:				
	A:				
Post #654 Waterman	D: Robert Bend (Dir 2026)	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: Nicole Begne				
*Post # 772 Somonauk	D:				
	A:				
*Post #1010 Kingston	D:				
	A:				
40 et 8 Voiture 207	D: Robert Coulter (Treasurer)	X	Y	Y	Y
	A: Loren Monsess				
Marine Corps League Detachment #847 DeKalb Cty	D:				
	A:				
AmVets Post #90 DeKalb	D:				
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* Not Regular Attendees

NC= not coming

DCVAC Superintendent	Tammy Anderson	X	Abstain
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Sign in for DCVAC meeting on March 11th, 2024

Name & Organization

Circle One

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| 1. Celeste Latham - AL 181 | Driver/Passenger |
| 2. Bill Latham 337 | Driver/Passenger |
| 3. Dick Hilderbrant 337 | Driver/Passenger |
| 4. Charlotte Hilderbrant 66 | Driver/Passenger |
| 5. Joe Hodder 66 | Driver/Passenger |
| 6. DWAIN ADKINS 99 | Driver/Passenger |
| 7. Fraw & Beierlotzer 8387 | Driver/Passenger |
| 8. Don Brown 8387 | Driver/Passenger |
| 9. ROBERT COULTER 40 & 8 | Driver/Passenger |
| 10. Ernie McLean 5768 | Driver/Passenger |
| 11. Kurt Benz 40 654 | Driver/Passenger |
| 12. [Signature] 1486 | Driver/Passenger |