# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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**2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Five Seasons Room**
**DeKalb IL**
**August 12th, 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 July 2024 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurer's Report

VII. Superintendent's Report
  a. Approval of July 2024 Expenses

VIII. Committee Reports
  a. Community Outreach (Cynthia Hupke)

IX. Unfinished Business
  a. Approval of New Employee Position

X. New Business
  a. Discuss & Vote on new FY2025 Budget
  b. Discuss & Vote on New FY2025 Meeting Schedule

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

# DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
## July 8th, 2024
## DCVAC Meeting

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

**Board Members Present:** President Celeste Latham, Treasurer Bob Coulter, and acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

**Delegate/Alternate:** Gerry Drake (D), Frank Beierlotzer (A), Joseph Hodder (D), Charlotte Hodder (A), Dwain Adkins (D), Dick Hilderbrant (D), William Lambert (A) and Robert Bend (D).

**Agenda Correction:** A motion was made to amend the Agenda by Frank Beierlotzer, seconded by Bill Lambert.

**Public Comment:** N/A

**Meeting Minutes:** The June 10th 2024 minutes were reviewed. No changes were discussed – Minutes passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The beginning balance of June 2024 was $5,838.30. Per the previous meetings approval, The ending balance for June 2024 was also $5,863.30. Motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Gerry Drake subject to audit – Vote called – Motion passed.

**Superintendent's Report:**

| Meeting | Month Expenditures | Total Activity | Recoveries YTD | Financial Assistance | Transport |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 07/08/2024 | June /$35,889.22 | 4,483 | $808,084.65 | 8/$4,625.00 | 36 Trans/25 Trips |

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

**Committee Reports:** Frank Beierlotzer presented a flyer for upcoming Veteran events.

**Unfinished Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Discussion was made of a New Employee position. A motion was made by Bill Lambert to approve an additional employee, seconded by Frank Beierlotzer – Vote was Called – Motion passed.

**For the Good of the Commission:** Discussion of HB0612 passing. Handouts were supplied.

**Adjournment:** Being no further business, a motion was made by Gerry Drake to adjourn, seconded by Dwain Adkins – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

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

| **Communication** | QUANTITY | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Phone | 445 | 3594 |
| Office Visit | 157 | 1061 |
| Outreach/Home Visits | 3 | 27 |
| Email/Mail | 229 | 2096 |
| Direct Submit | 55 | 388 |
| Fax | 5 | 78 |
| Other/Forms | 530 | 3964 |
| Total Employee Communictions | 1424 | 11234 |
| Total Employee Activity | 2482 | 17441 |

| **VA AWARDANCE** | MONTHLY | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Monthly | $ 33,550.67 | $ 216,006.38 |
| Retro | $ 104,940.24 | $ 762,253.17 |
| Total | **$ 138,490.91** | $ 946,575.56 |

| **EXPENDITURES** | | MONTHLY | YTD |
|---|---|---|---|
| Salaries and Benefits | | $ 28,516.22 | $ 233,315.33 |
| Training and Meetings | | $ 641.33 | $ 4,676.39 |
| Office Expenses | | $ 914.79 | $ 6,534.82 |
| Building Space/Maintenance | | $ - | $ 6,200.00 |
| **Direct Assistance to Veterans** | **Number Assisted** | | |
| Shelter | 8 | $ 4,625.00 | $ 29,725.00 |
| Other | 0 | $ - | $ - |
| Drivers Per Diem | | $ 210.00 | $ 2,910.00 |
| Disaster Assistance | 0 | $ - | $ - |
| **Vehicle Expense** | | | |
| Vehicle Purchase/Insurance | | | $ - |
| Fuel Cost | | $ 169.56 | $ 2,006.46 |
| Maintenance/White Car Repair (Refund $814.44) | | $ 1,453.50 | $ 2,173.36 |
| | **Totals** | **$ 36,530.40** | $ 287,541.36 |

| **Transportation Logs** | QUANTITY | YTD |
|---|---|---|
| Trips | 20 | 172 |
| Hours Donated | 96.00 | 1011.5 |
| Transported | 28 | 240 |
| Miles | 2973 | 26498 |
| Fuel (gallons) | 56.9 | 680.8 |

| **SUMMARY** | PERCENTAGE | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|
| Budget | 100% | $ 577,750.00 |
| Previous YTD Expenditures | -43% | $ 251,010.96 |
| Current Month Expenditures | -6% | $ 36,530.40 |
| **Balance** | 50% | **$ 290,208.64** |

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|---|---|
| Restricted Fund Balance | $ 1,133,582.00 |

**DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**
**VETERANS ASSISTANCE/ TRANSPORTATION REPORT**
**MONTH OF JULY 2024 ASSISTANCE/MAY 2024 TRANSPORTATION**

| | Shelter | | Transportation |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Towns** | **Amount** | **# of Vets** | **# of Vets** |
| Cortland | | | |
| DeKalb | $ 4,025.00 | 7 | 20 |
| Fairdale | | | |
| Genoa | | | 2 |
| Hinckley | | | |
| Kingston | | | |
| Kirkland | | | 1 |
| Lee/Clare | | | |
| Malta | | | |
| Sandwich | | | |
| Shabbona | $ - | | |
| Somonauk | $ - | | |
| Sycamore | $ 600.00 | 1 | 5 |
| Waterman | | | |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Total | $ 4,625.00 | 8 | 28 |

# Veteran's Assistance (4610-356)

Health & Human Services

The DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission (DCVAC) helps Veterans maneuver through any Federal, State or County laws, policies and/or procedures. Veterans & their Surviving families receive assistance obtaining financial compensation (Federal) from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), which in turn, provides them the capability of spending that money in DeKalb County. Our Veterans have received compensation for the rest of their life from the VA and their totals for each of the last 7 years have a combined amount of over $1,000,000.00 per year.

## Revenues

| Acct: | Description | FY23 Actual | FY24 Budget | FY24 Est. | FY25 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 30001 | Property Tax | 555,295 | 577,858 | 0 | 606,751 |
| 37100 | Interest | 45,124 | 25,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 38100 | Miscellaneous | 143 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39111 | Contr Fr: General Fund (ARPA) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39111 | Contr Fr: General Fund (Differential) | 13,100 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 39611 | Contr Fr: Nursing Home | 3,008 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | **Total Revenues** | **616,670** | **602,858** | **0** | **606,751** |

## Expenditures

| Acct: | Description | FY23 Actual | FY24 Budget | FY24 Est. | FY25 Budget |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 40001 | Salaries | 290,542 | 346,000 | 0 | 450,000 |
| 41160 | Emergency Response | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 44100 | FICA (Social Security) | 21,595 | 26,500 | 0 | 34,500 |
| 44200 | IMRF (State Retirement) | 16,688 | 20,500 | 0 | 28,000 |
| 43200 | Health Insurance Buyout | 3,000 | 9,500 | 0 | 3,000 |
| 44400 | Health Insurance | 32,648 | 48,000 | 0 | 21,600 |
| 44450 | Life Insurance | 328 | 410 | 0 | 300 |
| 43100 | HSA Benefit | 1,008 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 44500 | Unemployment Insurance | 661 | 600 | 0 | 700 |
| 85600 | Veterans Assistance Vehicle | 48,280 | 0 | 0 | 45,000 |
| 86100 | Computer Software | 2,612 | 10,000 | 0 | 5,000 |
| 68200 | Travel | 7,752 | 9,000 | 0 | 10,000 |
| 68300 | Mileage - Employees | 582 | 4,000 | 0 | 3,000 |
| 68310 | Mileage - Boards | 245 | 3,500 | 0 | 2,000 |
| 51360 | Meetings - Host Expenses | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 68150 | Training | 2,820 | 4,000 | 0 | 5,000 |
| 68400 | Memberships | 750 | 3,000 | 0 | 2,000 |
| 63600 | Community Relations (Vet Fairs) | 2,438 | 2,000 | 0 | 2,000 |
| 61350 | Maintenance - Vehicles | 4,901 | 4,000 | 0 | 2,000 |
| 67400 | Yearly Maintenance | 16,000 | 16,000 | 0 | 16,000 |
| 67450 | Equipment Rental | 7 | 0 | 0 | 3,000 |
| 67050 | Telephone | 1,397 | 2,200 | 0 | 1,000 |
| 62100 | Professional Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 68700 | Insurance Premiums | 16,284 | 9,000 | 0 | 10,000 |
| 63620 | Direct Assistance Payments | 48,960 | 60,000 | 0 | 55,000 |
| 84900 | Other Equipment | 11,133 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 69700 | Disaster Assistance | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 0 |
| 51100 | Supplies | 8,869 | 7,500 | 0 | 9,000 |
| 67200 | Postage | 1,326 | 3,000 | 0 | 3,000 |
| 66500 | Copies - In-house | 75 | 500 | 0 | 0 |
| 53350 | Clothing | 0 | 1,000 | 0 | 4,000 |
| 53400 | Fuel | 5,574 | 6,500 | 0 | 7,000 |
| 99515 | Contr To: Asset Repl (Computers) | 4,000 | 4,000 | 0 | 4,000 |
| 99515 | Contr To: Asset Repl (Network) | 2,500 | 2,500 | 0 | 2,500 |
| | **Total Expenditures** | **552,975** | **605,210** | **0** | **729,600** |
| | Beginning Fund Balance | 1,072,239 | 1,135,934 | 1,135,934 | 1,135,934 |
| | Net Change in Fund Balance | 63,695 | (2,352) | 0 | (122,849) |
| | **Ending Fund Balance** | **1,135,934** | **1,133,582** | **1,135,934** | **1,013,085** |

# DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
# Voting Monday August 12th, 2024

| *Veterans of Foreign Wars* | Delegates & Alternates | Present | Superintendents Report Approval July 2024 | FY2025 Budget | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D: H. James Cox (V.P.)* | | | | |
| *Post #1486 Sandwich.* | *A: Rebecca Ropp* | | | | |
| | *D: Gerald Drake* | X | y | y | |
| *Post #5768 Sycamore* | *A: Ernie McGee* | | | | |
| | *D: Donald Brown* | X | Y | y | |
| *Post #8387 Genoa* | *A: Frank Beierlotzer* | X | Y | y | |

*American Legion*

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D: Joseph Hodder* | | | | |
| *Post #66 DeKalb.* | *A: Charlotte Hodder* | | | | |
| | *D: Dwain Adkins* | X | Y | Y | |
| *Post #99 Sycamore.* | *A: Ed McComb (Dir 2025)* | X | Y | Y | |
| | *D: Celeste Latham (President)* | X | Abstain | Abstain | |
| *Post #181 Sandwich* | *A: Joseph Kotalik* | | | | |
| | *D: Dick Hilderbrant* | X | Y | Y | |
| *Post #337 Genoa* | *A: William Lambert* | X | Y | Y | |
| | *D:* | | | | |
| **Post #598 Hinckley* | *A:* | | | | |
| | *D.Robert Bend (Dir 2026)* | X | Y | 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 | Y | |
| *40 et 8 Voiture 207* | *A: Loren Monsess* | | | | |

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

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *D:* | | | | |
| **AmVets Post #90 DeKalb* | *A:* | | | | |

* Regular Attendees

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| DCVAC Superintendent | Tammy Anderson | X | Abstain | Abstain |

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# 2025 DCVAC Meeting Schedule

**2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Five Seasons Room**
**DeKalb IL (tentatively) at 6:00pm**

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

**Approved: 08/12/2024**
**Celeste Latham, DCVAC President:** _____

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## Sign in for DCVAC meeting on August 12th, 2024

| Name & Organization | | Circle One |
|---|---|---|
| 1. Robert Coulter | 40&8 | Driver/Passenger |
| 2. ROBERT BEND | AL 654 | Driver/Passenger |
| 3. Bill Lambert | 337 | Driver/Passenger |
| 4. Dick Hildenbrant | 337 | Driver/Passenger |
| 5. Frank Beierlutzer | | Driver/Passenger |
| 6. Don Brown | 8387 | Driver/Passenger |
| 7. Cindy Hagle | Post 66 Guest | Driver/Passenger |
| 8. Gerry Drake | | Driver/Passenger |
| 9. Ted Wall | | Driver/Passenger |
| 10. Ed McComb | Post 99 | Driver/Passenger |
| 11. Celeste Latham | 181 | Driver/Passenger |
| 12. Dwain Adkins | Post 99 | Driver/Passenger |

# SB3479

(815 ILCS 505/2YYY)

Sec. 2YYY. Deceptive practices targeting veterans and military members.

(a) As used in this Section:

"Veteran or military benefits services" means any services offered or provided to a veteran, military member, or family member who is entitled to receive benefits under federal, State, or local law, policy, or practice as a result of, at least in part, qualifying military service. Such services include assistance in obtaining benefits, increasing benefits, or appealing a decision related to obtaining or increasing benefits.

"Veteran's services disclosure" means providing, in upper case type in size at least as large as the type size of the written communication or by voice-over, the following statement: "VETERAN AND MILITARY BENEFITS SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE FREE OF CHARGE FROM COUNTY VETERAN SERVICE OFFICERS, THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND FEDERALLY CHARTERED VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS. TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT THESE ORGANIZATIONS OR THE ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AT 1-800-382-3000.".

(b) It is an unlawful practice within the meaning of this Act for any person providing veteran or military benefits services to:

(1) Fail in any advertising to conspicuously disclose a veteran's services disclosure when veteran or military benefits services are provided in exchange for a benefit or thing of value.

(2) Fail to obtain, or to obtain a pending application for, all veteran or military benefits services qualifications, certifications, and accreditations required under State or federal law.

(3) Fail, when acting as a fiduciary for a veteran receiving benefits, to meet the responsibilities of fiduciaries under 38 CFR 13.140.

(4) Fail, when providing representation before the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, to meet the standards of conduct under 38 CFR 14.632.

(5) Charge fees or expenses in violation of 38 CFR 14.636 or 14.637.

(Source: P.A. 102-386, eff. 1-1-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

# All Veterans, All Eras

## ICE CREAM FUN FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Help us create events moving forward. The possibilities are endless!

Tuesday, August 20
6:30-7:30 p.m.

FREE

Hopkins Community Center
1403 Sycamore Rd., DeKalb

Registration Deadline:
Monday, August 19

RSVP – let us know your coming and who is joining you. Just call the office or send an email

**REGISTER NOW**

kishsra.org
779-777-7285
dschaefer@kishsra.org

Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association

*Proudly offering!*

# KSRA's Veteran Programming

Tuesday, August 20
6:30-7:30 p.m.
Ice Cream Event and Program Input
Hopkins Park - Terrace Room

September 3 - October 8
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Golf Instruction
Sycamore Golf Course

Fall 2024
Chords and Camaraderie

Kishwaukee Special Recreation Association

ALLENFORCE
ALL VETERANS ALL ERAS

For information, email Dawn Schaefer
dschaefer@kishsra.org
779-777-7285

# NEED TO RENEW?
# NEED A REAL I.D.?

## THE ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE
# MOBILE DMV

***HOSTED BY***

## STATE SENATOR SUE REZIN

**Thursday, August 8, 2024 | 10 AM – 2 PM**

**Sandwich Public Library District**
**925 South Main Street, Sandwich, IL 60548**

**SERVICES PROVIDED INCLUDE:**

- ✓ Real I.D.
- ✓ Driver's License *(Renewal, Replacement, Correction)*
- ✓ State ID Card *(Renewal, Replacement, Correction)*
- ✓ License Plate Renewal Stickers
- ✓ Organ & Tissue Donor Registration *(Only with License or ID Application)*
- ✓ Motor Vehicle Registration *(Only with License or ID Application)*
- ✓ Seniors Aged 65 and older *(no charge for State ID)*

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Seniors aged 78 and older must visit a Secretary of State Drivers Services facility to renew driver's license

All payments must be made by check, credit card, debit card or money order. **NO CASH ACCEPTED.**

**REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY, LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!**
*Call Nico or Owen at 815-220-8720 or email Nico at nramirez.senatorrezin@gmail.com or Owen at oquast.senatorrezin@gmail.com to reserve your time!*

**STATE SENATOR SUE REZIN**
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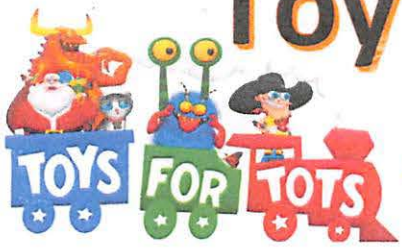
NEW START POINT!

# 13th Annual DeKalb County Toy Run




*RAIN OR SHINE*

## Sunday, September 15th

**Registration from 9:30 to 10:45**

**Ride briefing then kick stands up and engines going by 11**

**START: Dekalb Rec. Center 1765 S. 4th Street, Dekalb**

**END: Dekalb Elks Club: 209 S. Annie Glidden Road**

**RAFFLES!**

**MUSIC!**

**FOOD!**

**DRINKS!**

**COST: $10 per rider. $10 per passenger. PLUS at least one new, unwrapped toy (one per vehicle)**

# ALR

**AMERICAN LEGION RIDERS**
**Post #99, Sycamore, IL. 60178**
**DeKalb County Toy Run 2023**

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 15th,2024, to support the DeKalb County Marine Corps League program and other Christmas programs in DeKalb County. Every year the Toys for Tots program provide 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 2024, 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, 2024, 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 2024 Toy Run in the memo line.

Thanks again,

James Brantley

Chairman

815-970-5091

# BE THE ONE

## To Save the Life of a Veteran

**Step one: Help create awareness of the Veteran Suicide Crisis by participating in**

**The American Legion Post #66 2.2 Mile Walk for 22**

**On September 22, 2024**

It is estimated that up to 22 veterans or servicemembers take their lives each day. This walk is part of a national and community initiative that will help to build awareness about the crisis and will build knowledge on how to identify and assist Veterans in crisis.

Location: Our Thanks to our Venue Sponsor,
**Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Health and Wellness Center**
626 Bethany Rd - DeKalb, Illinois – 60115
The Walk will begin and end at this location

Time: **10:00 AM – 12:00 PM** with on-site registration at 9:30 AM.
Pre-event registration is encouraged and will be available soon.
You may also register the day of the walk at 9:30 AM.

Cost: There is no fee to walk….our purpose is to raise awareness of the crisis.

*If you do not wish to walk or are unable to walk, there will be other activities available on the patio in that time frame, to include: Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Labyrinth Meditation, and multiple displays with information focusing on veteran mental health support and services.*

Learn more about the National initiative
**American Legion Be the One**

If you would like to volunteer in some way with the event, please **Call or Text Cindy Hupke at 815-540-7364 or email at** hupkecynthia@gmail.com

Save the Date

# September 22, 2024

## Join the DeKalb American Legion Post #66 Family for a **BeTheOne 2.2 Mile Walk** to raise awareness about the veteran suicide crisis.

Today, the No. 1 issue facing the veteran community is suicide, according to the National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report. It is estimated that up to 22 veterans or servicemembers take their lives each day.

The American Legion nationwide has prioritized this initiative. American Legion Post #66 members and Auxiliary are working with the community and fellow American Legion Posts to build a foundation to reduce the rate of veteran suicide and destigmatize asking for mental health support. This walk will help to build awareness about the crisis and will begin to develop opportunities to assist Veterans in crisis by expanding community partnerships, resources, and training.

The walk will take place from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Sunday, September 22 (representative of 17-22 veteran lives lost per day), on-line registration will be available in mid-August, on-site registration will take place at 9:30 am on the day of the event, and the route will be 2.2 mile route beginning and ending on the beautiful patio and gardens of our Venue Sponsor, **Northwestern Medicine Kishwaukee Health and Wellness Center** in DeKalb, IL.

If you don't want to walk or are unable to complete 2.2 miles, we will also have a shorter route if you wish, or come to support and cheer the walkers, relax on the patio by the waterfall, and participate in other activities planned that day from 10:00-12:00. Help make a difference in the life of just one veteran!

## Save the Date on September 22nd to complete 2.2 for 22!

BE THE ONE

Learn more about Be the One at https://www.legion.org/betheone

Call or Text Cindy Hupke (American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66) at 815-540-7364 or email hupkecynthia@gmail.com with any questions or willingness to volunteer in any way.

Updates soon to be available on Facebook and Instagram! Registration available soon!!

# 24 HOUR
# VETERANS VIGIL

**The DeKalb County Courthouse 24 Hour Veterans Vigil**

**will take place on Friday, November 8, 2024 starting at 3:00pm and ending on Saturday at 3:00pm. An opening ceremony will start on Friday at 2:30pm previous to the 24 vigil.**

**There will be 24 guard watches of one hour each. Any veteran that wishes to assist by standing a guard watch should contact Dwain Adkins at 815-895-6927.**

**(More than one veteran can stand watch at the same time.)**

**The public is encouraged to attend the opening ceremony at 2:30pm on Friday, November 8, 2024, the closing ceremony at 3:00pm on Saturday, November 9, 2024 and also stop by at any time during the 24 hour vigil.**

Sincerely,

***Frank F. Beierlotzer,*** 40&8 Public Relations Officer, **815-901-3834**

illfortyandeight.com

## Veterans and Community Activities List for 2024 -2025 as of Tuesday, August 6, 2024

***To receive information about veteran or motorcycle activities please email ffb66@juno.com***

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Almost Every Sat | | Noon | 2:00pm | Luncheon, Genoa Veteans Home, 311 S. Washington St., Genoa, IL 60115 |
| Almost Every Sat | | Noon | 2:00pm | 50/50 Raffle almost every Saturday at the Genoa Veterans Home |
| 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. Please call to confirm the meeting date and time)<br>**(Veterans)** (Please call **815-756-8129** to make an appointment for help)<br>Also seeking volunteer drivers to take veterans to their appointments |
| Sat | 2nd Sat | 10:00am | DeKalb | **DeKalb AMVETS Post 90 Meetings** at 421 East Oak St., (1st year membership is free) |
| Sat | 2nd Sat | Noon | DeKalb | **DeKalb Sons of the American Legion (SAL)** Squadron 66 **Meetings** in DeKalb<br>No DeKalb SAL meeting in August |
| Sat | 2nd Sat | 2:00pm | Genoa | **Genoa American Legion Riders** (ALR) Post 337 **Meetings** at Genoa Veterans Home |
| Sat | 2nd Sat | 2:30pm | Genoa | Weather permitting, a motorcycle ride (2:30pm) after the luncheon and meeting<br>(You do not need to be a veteran or member to ride with us) **(RIDE FOR FUN)** |
| Sun | 3rd Sun | 4:00pm | Kirkland | **Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial** (NIVM) Committee **Meetings** at the Resource Bank<br>(The current project is to replace all faded panels on the southeast side of the memorial)<br>NIVM is an Internal Revenue Code tax exempt IRC Section 501(c)(3) organization.<br>Donations can be sent to: Resource Bank, PO Box 464, Kirkland, IL 60146<br>Make checks payable to: Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial (Memo: NIVM Restoration)<br>**(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 |
| Fri | 11/08/24 | 2:30pm | 3:00pm | DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags 24 Hour Vigil, Opening Ceremony |
| Fri | 11/08/24 | 3:00pm | 3:00pm | DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags 24 Hour Vigil, Dwain Adkins 815-895-6927 |
| Sat | 11/09/24 | 3:00pm | | DeKalb County Courthouse Avenue of Flags 24 Hour Vigil, Closing Ceremony |
| Maybe going in early 2025 | | | | Seeking female veterans to go to Washington DC on Operation HerStory Flight |
| Maybe going in early 2025 | | | | Contact Charlotte Hodder at 815-751-1805 or cashodder1976@comcast.net |
| Mon | 05/26/25 | 6:30am | 7:15am | 2025, 33rd Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, $10.00 RSVP Pre-Paid |
| Mon | 05/26/25 | 8:00am | Noon | Three Motorcycle Parade Escorts for the DeKalb, Sycamore and Genoa Memorial Day Parades |
| Fri | 08/01/25 | **Friday and Saturday** | | **(JUST PLANNING) 18th Annual Veterans Weekend, Friday and Saturday** |
| Fri | 08/01/25 | 5:00pm | Until Close | **Veterans Appreciation WEEKEND, Kick Off, at the DeKalb AMVETS Post 90, 421 E. Oak St.**<br>Food available after 5:00pm and a short veteran recognition ceremony at 6:30pm |
| Fri | 08/01/25 | Friday late & Saturday | | **Living History Military Encampment**, Friday and Saturday at the Genoa Veterans Home<br>Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington Street, Genoa, Illinois 60115 |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | 8:15am | 2:30pm | **Motorcycle/Motorcade Parade** of Vehicles, **Honoring Senior Veterans,** **sycamore.alr99@yahoo.com** |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | 8:15am | 2:30pm | 2 wheelers, 3 wheelers, 4 wheelers and all wheelers invited to participate. |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | 8:15am | 2:30pm | Stage at DeKalb Recreation Center, 1765 S. 4th St., DeKalb, IL, Safety brief 8:55am |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | 8:15am | 10:15am | French Toast and Sausage **Breakfast** at the Genoa Veterans Home, 8:00am-10:30am ($5) |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | 2:00pm | 4:00pm | **Veterans Awareness Fair, Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington St., 60135** |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | Noon | 6:00pm | **Corn Boil** Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) from Belvidere and Genoa |
| Sat | 08/02/25 | Noon | 6:00pm | Corn Boil will be at the Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington St., 60135, ($3) |

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