DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

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2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Five Seasons Room
DeKalb IL
September 9th, 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 August 2024 Meeting Minutes**

VI. **Treasurer's Report**

VII. **Superintendent's Report**
   a. **Approval of August 2024 Expenses**

VIII. **Committee Reports**

IX. **Unfinished Business**

X. **New Business**

XI. **For the Good of the Commission**

XII. **Adjournment**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
August 12th, 2024
DCVAC Meeting

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

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

Delegate/Alternate: Gerry Drake (D), Don Brown (D), Frank Beierlotzer (A), Dwain Adkins (D), Dick Hilderbrant (D), and William Lambert (A).

Public Comment: Fred Hall, Veteran, introduced himself to the Commission letting them know he is running for District 1 County Board Member.

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

Treasurer's Report: The ending balance for June 2024 was $5,863.30, no activity in July 2024 – balance remains the same $5,863.30. Motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to accept the Treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bill Lambert subject to audit – Vote called – Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report:

Meeting	Month Expenditures	Total Activity	Recoveries YTD	Financial Assistance	Transport
08/12/2024	July /$36,530.40	2,482	$946,575.56	8/$4,625.00	28 Trans/20 Trips

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

Committee Reports: Frank Beierlotzer presented a flyer for upcoming Veteran events. Cynthia Hupke discussed the **Be The One** program, a part of the American Legion National Initiative. Discussed the program and the upcoming event on 09/22/2024. See attached flyer.

Unfinished Business: Approval of New Employee Position – adding another position to the total amount of employees (now 7). Motion was made by Don Brown to approve this new position, seconded by Gerry Drake – Vote was Called – Motion Passed.

New Business: Discussed the new FY2025 Budget – a motion was made by Bill Lambert to approve the budget as presented, seconded by Dwain Adkins – Roll Call Vote – Motion Passed.
Discussed FY2025 DCVAC Meeting Schedule – a motion was made by Ed McComb to accept the new schedule with no meeting in October, seconded by Gerry Drake – Vote was Called – Motion Passed.

For the Good of the Commission: Discussion of SB3489 passing. Handouts were supplied. Additional handouts were provided for local events.

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 6:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

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

Meeting started at 5:27pm with President Celeste Latham presiding.

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

Discussion was made in regards to the FY2025 Budget by correcting a change in salary of an employee and adding the purchase of a new vehicle for 2025.

Adjournment: Being no further business, a motion was made by Bob Coulter to adjourn, seconded by Bob Bend – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

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

Communication	QUANTITY	YTD
Phone	410	4522
Office Visit	155	1379
Outreach/Home Visits	2	34
Email/Mail	226	2503
Direct Submit	57	517
Fax	6	90
Other/General Contact	305	4454
Total Employee Communictions	1161	13525
Total Employee Activity	1678	20769
VA AWARDANCE	MONTHLY	YTD
Monthly	$ 46,370.57	$ 290,042.95
Retro	$ 384,654.93	$ 1,247,274.10
Total	**$ 431,025.50**	$ 1,505,633.06

EXPENDITURES		MONTHLY	YTD
Salaries and Benefits		$ 28,516.22	$ 297,432.22
Training and Meetings		$ 641.33	$ 7,252.46
Office Expenses		$ 914.79	$ 8,010.11
Building Space/Maintenance			$ 6,200.00
Direct Assistance to Veterans	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	8	$ 4,625.00	$ 37,725.00
Other	0	$ -	$ -
Drivers Per Diem		$ 210.00	$ 3,730.00
Disaster Assistance	0	$ -	$ -
Vehicle Expense			
Vwehicle Purchase/Insurance		$ -	$ -
Fuel Cost		$ 169.56	$ 2,614.64
Maintenance		$ 1,453.50	$ 3,644.86
	Totals	**$ 36,530.40**	$ 366,609.29

Transportation Logs	QUANTITY	YTD
Trips	27	225
Hours Donated	135.50	1306
Transported	37	306
Miles	3377	33644
Fuel (gallons)	54.2	884.7

SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget	100%	$ 577,750.00
Previous YTD Expenditures	-57%	$ 330,078.89
Current Month Expenditures	-6%	$ 36,530.40
Balance	37%	**$ 211,140.71**

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	$ 3,425.00	6	31
Fairdale			
Genoa			
Hinckley			
Kingston			
Kirkland			1
Lee/Clare			
Malta			
Sandwich			2
Shabbona	$ -		
Somonauk	$ -		
Sycamore	$ 1,200.00	2	3
Waterman			

Total	$ 4,625.00	8	37

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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: _____

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**

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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

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** 2500 North Annie Glidden Road, Suite A, DeKalb, IL 60115 (Anyone may attend the meetings. Please call to confirm the meeting date and time) **(Veterans)** (Please call **815-756-8129** to make an appointment for help) 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 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 (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 (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
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.** 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 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)

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

DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday September 9th, 2024

Veterans of Foreign Wars	Delegates & Alternates	Present	Superintendents Report Approval August 2024		
	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*				

American Legion

	D: Joseph Hodder	X	Y		
Post #66 DeKalb.	*A: Charlotte Hodder*	X	Y		
	D: Dwain Adkins	X	Y		
Post #99 Sycamore.	*A: Ed McComb (Dir 2025)*	X	Y		
	D: Celeste Latham (President)	X	Abstain		
Post #181 Sandwich	*A: Joseph Kotalik*				
	D: Dick Hilderbrant	X	Y		
Post #337 Genoa	*A: William Lambert*	X	Y		
	D:				
**Post #598 Hinckley*	*A:*				
	D.Robert Bend (Dir 2026)	X	Y		
Post #654 Waterman	*A: Nicole Begne*				
	D:				
**Post # 772 Somonauk*	*A:*				
	D:				
**Post #1010 Kingston*	*A:*				

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

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

* Not Regular Attendees

NC= not coming

DCVAC Superintendent	Tammy Anderson	X	Abstain

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	656,751
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**	**656,751**

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	(72,849)
	Ending Fund Balance	**1,135,934**	**1,133,582**	**1,135,934**	**1,063,085**

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Sign in for DCVAC meeting on September 9th, 2024

Name & Organization		Circle One
1. Jim Cox	VFW 1486	Driver/Passenger
2. Robert Coulter	4088	Driver/Passenger
3. Bill Lambert	337	Driver/Passenger
4. Rick Hilderbrant	337	Driver/Passenger
5. Celeste Latham	181	Driver/Passenger
6. Robert Bell	AL 654	Driver/Passenger
7. Charles Hodde	AL 66	Driver/Passenger
8. Joe Hodden	AL 66	Driver/Passenger
9. Matthew Hurley	DCVAC	Driver/Passenger
10. Gerry Drak	VFW 5768	Driver/Passenger
11. Dwain Adkins	AL 99	Driver/Passenger
12. Adam Wallace	Dekalb Vac	Driver/Passenger

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2. Ed McComb Post 99 AL	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