DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission

American Legion Posts 66, 99, 181, 337, 654
Veterans of Foreign Wars Posts 1486, 5768, & 8387
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President Celeste Latham, Vice-President Jim Cox, and Treasurer Bob Coulter

Non-Certified Posts: American Legion Posts #598, #772, #1010, AmVets Post #90, Marine Corps League Detach. #847

2500 N. Annie Glidden Rd., Conference Room West
DeKalb IL
December 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 November 2024 Meeting Minutes

VI. Treasurer's Report

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

VIII. Committee Reports

IX. Unfinished Business

X. New Business
a. Nominations for Board Members
b. Election of Board Members

XI. For the Good of the Commission

XII. Adjournment

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
November 18th, 2024
DCVAC Meeting

Meeting started at 6:00pm with Treasurer Robert Coulter presiding.

Board Members Present: Treasurer Bob Coulter, Director Bob Bend and acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

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

Public Comment: N/A

Meeting Minutes: The September 9th 2024 minutes were reviewed. No changes were discussed – Motion made by Joe Hodder to accept the meeting minutes as read, seconded by Bob Bend - Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: There was no activity so the beginning and ending balance for September 2024 and October 2024 was $5,763.30. Motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to accept the Treasurer's report as presented subject to audit, seconded by Ernie McGee subject to audit – Vote called – Motion passed.

Superintendent's Report:

Meeting	Month Expenditures	Total Activity	Recoveries YTD	Financial Assistance	Transport
11/18/2024	September /$41,521.30	1,434	$2,116,118.98	8/$4,625.00	41 Trans/27 Trips
11/18/2024	October/$45,085.80	1,868	$2,285,293.60	10/$5,425.00	39 Trans/29 Trips

A motion was made by Frank Beierlotzer to approve September's monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Dwain Adkins – Roll Call Vote – Motion Passed.
A motion was made by Don Brown to approve October's monthly expenses as presented, seconded by Bill Lambert – Roll Call Vote – Motion Passed.

Committee Reports: Frank Beierlotzer presented a flyer (see attached)

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: Nomination for FY2025 Board Memebers:

Made the Nomination	Nominated	Position	Accepted
Bob Coulter	Celeste Latham	President	N/A
Bob Coulter	H. Jim Cox	Vice President	N/A
Frank Beierlotzer	Bob Coulter	Treasurer	Accepted
Duane Adkins	Ed McComb	Director	N/A

Nominations were closed, and will reopen at the December 9th meeting.

For the Good of the Commission: . Discussed the Illinois Statute (55 ILCS 5/26 Maintenance of Veterans Memorial Buildings & Monuments) Awaiting interpretations from the county & state.

Adjournment: Being no further business, a motion was made by Ernie McGee to adjourn, seconded by Duane Adkins – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.
Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

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

Communication	QUANTITY	YTD
Phone	478	5881
Office Visit	129	1796
Outreach/Home Visits	6	444
Email/Mail	209	3174
Direct Submit	57	664
Fax	5	112
Other/Forms	361	5463
Total Employee Communictions	1262	17577
Total Employee Activity	1831	25902

VA AWARDANCE	MONTHLY	YTD
Monthly	$ 29,775.56	$ 413,505.32
Retro	$ 178,530.72	$ 2,111,778.55
Total	**$ 208,306.28**	$ 2,493,599.88

EXPENDITURES		MONTHLY	YTD
Salaries and Benefits		$ 32,211.29	$ 394,057.52
Training and Meetings		$ 1,501.27	$ 16,593.46
Office Expenses		$ 815.29	$ 10,767.38
Building Space/Maintenance		$ 12,000.00	$ 18,200.00
Direct Assistance to Veterans	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	11	$ 6,025.00	$ 53,800.00
Other	0	$ -	$ -
Drivers Per Diem		$ 360.00	$ 4,930.00
Disaster Assistance	0	$ -	$ -
Vehicle Expense			
Vehicle Purchase/Insurance		$ -	$ -
Fuel Cost ($2.65 per gal)		$ 389.35	$ 4,107.06
Maintenance		$ 15.00	$ 4,078.17
	Totals	**$ 53,317.20**	$ 506,533.59

Transportation Logs	QUANTITY	YTD
Trips	29	310
Hours Donated	171.50	1781.5
Transported	41	427
Miles	4651	46379
Fuel (gallons)	146.7	1308.3

SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget	100%	$ 577,750.00
Previous YTD Expenditures	-78%	$ 453,216.39
Current Month Expenditures	-9%	$ 53,317.20
Balance	12%	**$ 71,216.41**

Restricted Fund Balance $ 1,133,582.00

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VETERANS ASSISTANCE/ TRANSPORTATION REPORT
MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2024 ASSISTANCE/OCTOBER 2024 TRANSPORTATION

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			
DeKalb	$ 4,025.00	7	29
Fairdale			
Genoa			1
Hinckley			
Kingston			
Kirkland			
Lee			
Malta			
Sandwich	$ 800.00	2	2
Shabbona	$ -		
Somonauk	$ -		1
Sycamore	$ 1,200.00	2	7
Waterman			1

Total	$ 6,025.00	11	41

Illinois Compiled Statutes

Information maintained by the Legislative Reference Bureau
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COUNTIES
(55 ILCS 5/) Counties Code.

(55 ILCS 5/5-26004) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-26004)
Sec. 5-26004. Use. Available space in memorial buildings constructed under the provisions of this Division, may be set aside for the use of organizations of honorably discharged soldiers and sailors of the United States without charge.

Boys' clubs, associations of commerce, civic improvement and health bodies, farm bureaus and other similar non-partisan and non-sectarian organizations, not organized for profit, shall be deemed within the meaning of the words "public or civic purposes," and available space in such memorial buildings may be rented or leased at a reasonable rental to any such organization.

In the discretion of the county board, the memorial building may be constructed so as to be suitable for use as a county orphans' home, or a county hospital, and may be used for either purpose.
(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-26005) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-26005)
Sec. 5-26005. Maintenance. Whenever any memorial building is erected through private subscriptions, as herein provided, or any veterans' memorial is erected, it shall be lawful for the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, to appropriate such sums of money from year to year as it may deem reasonable and proper to cover any deficiency in the cost of the maintenance thereof.
(Source: P.A. 98-312, eff. 8-12-13.)

(55 ILCS 5/5-26006) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-26006)
Sec. 5-26006. Exempt from taxation. Memorial buildings erected in accordance with the provisions of this Division shall be deemed county property and shall be exempt from taxation.
(Source: P.A. 86-962.)

(55 ILCS 5/Div. 5-27 heading)
Division 5-27. Burial of Indigent Veterans and their Families

(55 ILCS 5/5-27001) (from Ch. 34, par. 5-27001)
Sec. 5-27001. Appointment of person to have charge of

the Commission as a whole and shall perform such other duties usually associated with such Executive Committees under the law.

3. **Any decision made by the Executive Board must be reviewed, approved or overruled by a majority vote of the Commission at an authorized meeting where a quorum has been established.**
4. **The Executive Board shall be tasked with the responsibility to guide this Commission so that the provisions of these Bylaws are complied with.**
5. **The Executive Board will annually evaluate the performance of the Superintendent.**

1.42 DUTIES

A. PRESIDENT-The president shall be the chief executive officer of this Commission and have full powers to enforce the will of the entire Commission and shall perform such other duties that are usually associated with this office under the law:

1. **Supervise the affairs of the Commission.**
2. **Preside over Executive Board and Commission meetings.**
3. **Be empowered to create or dissolve committees with a concurrence vote of the Commission.**
4. **Appoint or remove all committee chairpersons.**
5. **The President and Treasurer of the Commission will co-sign checks and any other documents authorized by a vote of the Commission.**
6. **Not enter into or sign any contracts, leases, loans, mortgages, employment agreements, or any document involving the expenditure of any funds or sale of assets without the recorded approval of the Commission at an authorized meeting.**
7. **Complete other tasks assigned by the Commission or required by law.**

B. VICE PRESIDENT-The Vice President shall assume and perform the duties of the President and have all of the powers and be subject to the same restrictions as the President during the President's absence, resignation, dismissal, inability or refusal to act, or death.

C. TREASURER-The Treasurer shall be the chief financial officer of this Commission and shall:

1. **Oversee the funds and securities generated, collected, donated and obtained by the Commission Board, not County funds.**
2. **Be subject to all applicable State and Federal laws that**

govern this position and furnish any required reports to government agencies in a timely manner.

3. Be responsible for maintaining records of all accounts, receipts and disbursement of this Commission. These are Commission records only and do not include any records or vouchers that are filed with or disbursed by the DCVAC Superintendent.
4. Produce, upon a majority vote of the Commission, a full accounting or audit of all monies and other assets belonging to this Commission for the past twelve consecutive months.
5. Prepare and present a Treasurer's report at scheduled Commission meetings.
6. Assure that any checks which disburse Commission funds (not County funds) contain two (2) approving signatures and that the disbursement has recorded approval of the Commission prior to any disbursement. The two (2) required signatures must always be the Treasurer and President of DCVAC.

D. ***DIRECTORS*** – *Two (2) members shall be elected as Directors for 2 year alternating terms.*

1. The Directors, along with Board Officers, will act as a Liaison between the Organizations, the Executive Board and if needed, the County Board.
2. The Directors will work together with the Board Officers and the Superintendent to make decisions that are in the best interest of the Commission.

E. COMMITTEES

1. Executive Board: see section 1.40D
2. Bylaws Committee: The Bylaws Committee shall consist of two (2) Commission members. The Commission shall review the Bylaws and make recommendations to the Board as necessary.
3. Ad Hoc Committee: The Ad Hoc Committee shall serve as a special Ad Hoc Committee as needed. The President shall appoint any Ad Hoc Committees which are required for the execution of specific and temporary responsibilities and shall designate a Chairperson for each Ad Hoc Committee appointed.

Agriculture

HB 2601 (P.A. 103-0726)
MEAT INSPECTION
Permits the Director of Agriculture to exempt from inspection animals slaughtered or any meat or meat food products prepared on a custom basis and the Type I licensee plainly marks all such articles prepared on a custom basis "NOT FOR SALE". *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2747 (P.A. 103-0620)
EXOTIC WEEDS
Allows the Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources to designate exotic weeds through administrative rule rather than statute. IDNR must consult with the Dept. of Agriculture before adding or removing any plant from the exotic weed list by administrative rule. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 3077 (P.A. 103-0772)
LOCAL FOOD INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS
Creates a special fund for the Dept. of Agriculture to administer the Local Food Infrastructure Grant Program. Allows the Dept. to work with a partner nonprofit and grant money from the newly created Local Food Infrastructure Grant Fund to select small farms for things like food processing, agregation and storage. *Effective August 2, 2024.*

SB 3219 (P.A. 103-0957)
FARMER-OWNED GROCERY STORES
Allows the Illinois DCEO, subject to appropriation, to award grants for equipment upgrades for farmer-owned grocery stores or markets un the Grocery Initiative Act. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Behavioral and Mental Health

HB 4498 (P.A. 103-0674)
MENTAL HEALTH DISCHARGE
Allows for the involuntary retention of a voluntary mental health facility recipient if, within five days of expressing a desire to leave, certain documentation is filed with the court, including a copy of the recipient's written notice, a petition, and two certificates from qualified mental health professionals supporting involuntary admissions. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

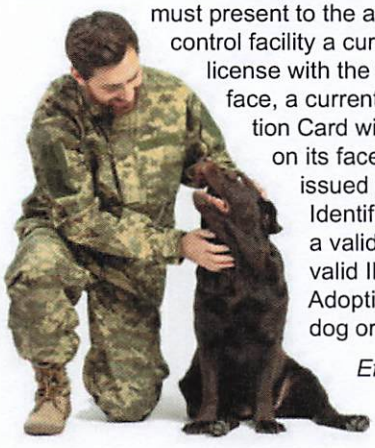
HB 5094 (P.A. 103-0690)
WORKFORCE DIRECT CARE ACT
Establishes the Behavioral Health Administrative Burden Task Force within the Office of the Chief Behavioral Health Officer. The Task Force is to review policies and regulations affecting the behavioral health industry to identify inefficiencies, duplicate or unnecessary requirements, unduly burdensome restrictions, and other administrative barriers that prevent behavioral health professionals from providing services and to analyze the impact of administrative burdens on the delivery of quality care and access to behavioral health services. *Effective July 19, 2024.*

SB 3137 (P.A. 103-0942)
MENTAL HEALTH-DEATH NOTICE – JORDAN'S LAW
Requires substance abuse programs and mental health or developmental disabilities facilities in the State to inform the personal representative of a patient verbally within 24 hours of the patient's death and provide written notice within five days of the death. Named in honor of an Evanston family who's son, Jordan, passed away while in a rehab facility. The family was not immediately notified of their son's death. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

SB 3432 (P.A. 103-0998)
DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL
Delays the start date of the direct support professional credential pilot program implemented by IDHS Division of Mental Health to Fiscal Year 2025. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

Animals & Wildlife

HB 4590 (P.A. 103-0678)
ANIMAL ADOPTION FEE WAIVER
An animal shelter or animal control facility may, rather than shall, waive the adoption fee for a dog or cat if the person adopting the dog or cat is a veteran and meets specified criteria. The person must present to the animal shelter or animal control facility a current and valid Illinois driver's license with the word "veteran" printed on its face, a current and valid Illinois Identification Card with the word "veteran" printed on its face, or an identification card issued under the federal Veterans Identification Card Act of 2015 and a valid Illinois driver's license or valid Illinois Identification Card. Adoptions may be limited to one dog or cat each in two year periods.



Effective January 1, 2025.

HB 5522 (P.A. 103-0611)
WILDLIFE NUISANCE CONTROL
The Dept. of Natural Resources may issue a Nuisance Wildlife Control Permit not only to any person who is providing such services for a fee, but also to any person who solicits customers for themselves or on behalf of a nuisance wildlife control permit holder for a fee or compensation. **NOTE:** A drainage district or road district is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit to control nuisance muskrats or beavers if certain requirements are met. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2767 (P.A. 103-0622)
WILD TURKEY HUNTING
Provides that it is unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 gauge nor smaller than .410 bore.
Effective January 1, 2025.

Veterans

HB 612 (P.A. 103-0596)
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION
Expands the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities to World War II veterans. Requires a veteran to have a service-related disability and receive disability compensation to receive the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities. *Effective July 1, 2024.*

HB 4757 (P.A. 103-0828)
VETERANS BENEFITS POSTER
Mandates the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs to create, and the Illinois Dept. of Labor to make available, at no cost, a veterans and service members' benefits, services and protections poster. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

HB 4934 (P.A. 103-0841)
CEMETERY PROTECTION
If remains over 100 years old are identified as belonging to a veteran, the Department of Natural Resources will allow a veteran's organization to place a marker to designate the grave. All costs for memorialization shall be entirely borne by the veteran's organization. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

SB 2751 (P.A. 103-0621)
DISABLED VETERANS PERMIT FEE
Amends the Counties Code, Township Code, and Illinois Municipal Code. Allows for home improvements for disabled veterans to be done without permit fees. Requires a veteran or caregiver to provide proof of veteran status and attest to the fact that the improvements to the residence are required to accommodate the veteran's disability. **NOTE:** What constitutes proof of veteran status shall be determined by the county, township, or municipality. *Effective January 1, 2025.*

Zoning

SB 692 (P.A. 103-0882)
INDUSTRIAL ZONING TASK FORCE
Creates the Task Force on Interjurisdictional Industrial Zoning Impacts to study State and local zoning laws and policies related to large industrial developments. Sets forth the membership of the Task Force. *Effective August 9, 2024.*

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Veterans MEMORIALS

Town of Cortland Veterans Memorial
Suppeland Park
Pampas Street & E. Meadow Drive, Cortland
www.legion.org/memorials/238427/cortland-veterans-memorial

DeKalb Soldiers and Sailor Memorial Clock
Memorial Park
101 Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb
www.legion.org/memorials/236332/world-war-i-memorial

DeKalb Veteran's Memorial
209 S. Annie Glidden Rd.
DeKalb

Donald P. Schoo Veteran Memorial
Memorial Park
101 Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb
www.legion.org/memorials/236332/world-war-i-memorial

World War I Era Tank
Memorial Park
101 Lincoln Hwy., DeKalb
www.legion.org/memorials/236332/world-war-i-memorial

Genoa Township Memorial Flame
Genoa Veterans Home
311 S. Washington St., Genoa
www.legion.org/memorials/236157/memorial-flame

Genoa Township POW/MIA Memorial
Genoa Veterans Home
311 S. Washington St., Genoa

Northern Illinois Veterans Memorial
Franklin Township Park
201 3rd St., Kirkland
www.legion.org/memorials/236336/kirkland-veterans-memorial

Avenue of Flags Monument
Elmwood Cemetery
901 S. Cross St., Sycamore
www.legion.org/memorials/236152/avenue-flags

DeKalb County Civil War Veterans Memorial
DeKalb County Courthouse
133 W. State St., Sycamore
www.legion.org/memorials/236085/civil-war-veterans-memorial

Esther Mae Nesbitt Memorial
Elmwood Cemetery
901 S. Cross St., Sycamore
www.legion.org/memorials/236153/esther-mae-nesbitt-memorial

Sycamore Veterans Memorial
Elmwood Cemetery
1020 S. Cross St., Sycamore
www.legion.org/memorials/236151/sycamore-veterans-memorial

WWI Veterans Memorial
Sycamore Veterans Memorial Home (Sycamore Vets Club)
121 S. California St., Sycamore
www.legion.org/memorials/236086/wwi-veterans-memorial

American Legion Post 654 Veterans Memorial & Artillery Piece
Lions Park
S. Birch Street & Lions Park Trail, Waterman
www.legion.org/memorials/237945/post-654-veterans-memorial

DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday December 9th, 2024

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

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	Abstain	
Post #181 Sandwich	*A: Joseph Kotalik*				
	D: Dick Hilderbrant				
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	Abstain

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