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., Five Seasons Room
DeKalb IL
February 10th, 2025 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 January 2025 Meeting Minutes**

VI. **Treasurer's Report**

VII. **Superintendent's Report**
   a. **Approval of January 2025 Expenses**

VIII. **Committee Reports**

IX. **Unfinished Business**
   a. **Financial Assistance of Veteran**

X. **New Business**
   a. **Delegate/Alternate Forms**
   b. **OMA Requirements**

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

XII. **Adjournment**

DeKalb County Veterans Assistance Commission Meeting Minutes
January 13th, 2025
DCVAC Meeting

Meeting started at 6:02pm with Vice President H. James Cox presiding.

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

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

Public Comment: N/A

Meeting Minutes: The December 9th, 2024 meeting minutes were reviewed. No changes were discussed – Motion made by Bill Lambert to accept the meeting minutes as read, seconded by Frank Brierlotzer - Minutes passed.

Treasurer's Report: The beginning balance for December 2024 was $5,763.30. A deposit for $1775.00 was made from donations to help Veterans, and $1,350.00 was removed by holiday donation checks to DeKalb County Veterans. There is still one check that has not cleared. The ending balance for December 2024 is $6,188.30. Motion was made by Bob Bend 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
01/13/2025	December /$43,043.00	1,876	$72,914.93	11/$6,025.00	38 Trans/30 Trips

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

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

Unfinished Business: N/A

New Business: Delegate/Alternate forms and OMA training was discussed and reminded that all forms & certificates must be into the DCVAC Superintendent NLT 02/28/2025.

A discussion was made in regards to a Veteran who is behind on his rent and has been provided an eviction notice. Different views and input were made. A motion from Frank Brierlotzer was made to table this topic until the next meeting, seconded by Joe Hodder. A vote was called – motion passed.

For the Good of the Commission: A discussion was made by Dwain Adkins in regards to a rifle salute at the county Courthouse on the 4th of July. Any Post interested should reach out to Dwain. Bob Coulter informed everyone that there are more & more scams going on out there trying to get your banking information-be cautious.

Adjournment: Being no further business, a motion was made by Frank Brierlotzer to adjourn, seconded by Bob Bend – Vote called – Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretary Tammy Anderson.

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025
STATE OF THE BUDGET

Communication	QUANTITY	YTD
Phone	398	845
Office Visit	137	259
Outreach/Home Visits	3	10
Email/Mail	286	532
Direct Submit	36	96
Fax	0	4
Other/Forms	332	757
Total Employee Communictions	1192	2503
Total Employee Activity	1726	3602

VA AWARDANCE	MONTHLY	YTD
Monthly	$ 35,242.69	$ 63,235.60
Retro	$ 205,714.29	$ 250,636.31
Total	**$ 240,956.98**	$ 313,871.91

EXPENDITURES		MONTHLY	YTD
Salaries and Benefits		$ 50,504.60	$ 82,528.77
Training and Meetings		$ 150.00	$ 188.01
Office Expenses		$ -	$ 3,898.85
Building Space/Maintenance		$ -	$ -
Direct Assistance to Veterans	**Number Assisted**		
Shelter	14	$ 7,925.00	$ 13,950.00
Other	0	$ -	$ -
Drivers Per Diem		$ -	$ 630.00
Disaster Assistance	0	$ -	$ -
Vehicle Expense			
Fuel Cost		$ -	$ 426.97
Maintenance		$ 9,984.00	$ 9,984.00
	Totals	**$ 68,563.60**	$ 111,606.60

Transportation Logs	QUANTITY	YTD
Trips	26	56
Hours Donated	156.00	331
Transported	32	70
Miles	4491	9359
Fuel (gallons)	156.2	156.2

SUMMARY	PERCENTAGE	AMOUNT
Budget	100%	$ 729,600.00
Previous YTD Expenditures	-6%	$ 43,043.00
Current Month Expenditures	-9%	$ 68,563.60
Balance	85%	**$ 617,993.40**

Restricted Fund Balance $ 1,133,582.00

DEKALB COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
VETERANS ASSISTANCE JANUARY 2025/ TRANSPORTATION REPORT DECEMBER 2024
MEETING MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2025

	Shelter		Transportation
Towns	**Amount**	**# of Vets**	**# of Vets**
Cortland			0
DeKalb	$ 5,325.00	9	21
Fairdale	$ -		
Genoa			1
Hinckley			0
Kingston			
Kirkland			3
Lee			
Malta			1
Sandwich	$ 800.00	2	1
Shabbona			0
Somonauk			2
Sycamore	$ 1,800.00	3	3
Waterman			

Total	$ 7,925.00	14	32

2/10/25

Hello,

This is Willy from the Genoa American Legion Post 337. I just wanted to give you all a heads-up with what we have going on for the upcoming year. In addition to the Veterans' Fair in August, we have a couple of other events where our post will have an opportunity to distribute veteran related literature from other organizations.

On March 15, we will be celebrating the birthday of the American Legion with a dining-in for American Legion members. Last year we had over 80 people attend our dining-in. This year we will have a table set up with veteran related pamphlets and flyers. We will be happy to display your literature at this event.

On May 26, Memorial Day, we will be sponsoring a parade from the Genoa Veterans' Home (GVH) to the Genoa Cemetery. At the cemetery there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony. After the ceremony many folks return to the GVH to have lunch. This would be another opportunity to make your literature available. Your organization is welcome to participate in our parade. Let me know if you are interested. There's one caveat for Memorial Day. Politics will not be allowed. Memorial Day is for honoring those who gave their lives while serving in uniform. However, we can still serve veterans and veteran causes.

The first weekend of August is when Post 337 will be sponsoring our annual veterans' fair which you participated in last year. If interested in participating again, please let me know after Memorial Day.

The second Saturday of December, GVH will televise the Army/Navy Game. This event is just a party that's open to the public. It's a chance for soldiers and squids to talk smack. Even though Navy beat Army last year, it was still a good time.

Let me know if you would like us to display any of your literature at our events via separate email. Feel free to advertise Post 337's Memorial Day Parade, Veterans' Fair, and Army/Navy Game. I put out an e-newsletter to our members almost monthly. I would be happy to include your information for further distribution.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Willy Crozier

American Legion

Post 337

Genoa, IL

Commanding

Veterans and Community Activities List for 2024-2025 as of **Saturday, February 8, 2025**

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	Genoa Veterans Home, 50/50 Raffle almost every Saturday
Mon	2nd Mon	6:00pm	6:30pm	**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** to make an appointment for help)
Sat	2nd Sat	10:00am	11:00am	**DeKalb AMVETS Post 90 Meetings** at 421 East Oak St., (1st year membership is free)
Sat	2nd Sat	Noon	12:30pm	**DeKalb Sons of the American Legion (SAL)** Squadron 66 **Meetings** in DeKalb
Sat	2nd Sat	2:00pm	2:30pm	**Genoa American Legion Riders** (ALR) Post 337 **Meetings** at Genoa Veterans Home
Sat	2nd Sat	2:30pm	5:00pm	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	5:00pm	**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) (For more information go to www.nivmkirkland.org/ or **Call Guy Sparrow**, 920-570-3434)
Mon	4th Mon	5:00pm	6:00pm	**Genoa Veterans of Foreign Wars** (VFW) Post 8387 **Meetings** at Genoa Veterans Home
Mon	05/26/25	6:30am	7:15am	**33rd Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast**
Mon	05/26/25	6:30am	7:15am	at the DeKalb Elks Lodge 765, $10.00pp RSVP Pre-Paid
Mon	05/26/25	7:30am	8:00am	Short program and done by 8:00am, RSVP prepaid $10. pp, Frank Beierlotzer, 815-901-3834
Mon	05/26/25	8:00am	12:30pm	Three Motorcycle Parade Escorts for the DeKalb, Sycamore and Genoa Memorial Day Parades
Sat	06/14/25	9:00am	3:00pm	Flag Day - Military Veteran Car Show - HYVEE - Sycamore, Michael Embrey, 815-756-1263
Sat	06/14/25	11:30am	1:00pm	Motorcycle ride to the Flag Day - Military Veteran Car Show, Starting from DeKalb AMVETS
	07/26/25	to	07-27-25	Kishwaukee Fest - Celebration of DeKalb County, Michael Embry, 815-756-1263
Fri	08/01/25	**Friday and Saturday**		**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	Late Fri. and Sat.		**Living History Military Encampment**, Late 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	9:00am	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, 8:15am-10:30am ($5pp)
		Noon	2:00pm	**Luncheon,** Genoa Veteans Home, 311 S. Washington St., Genoa, IL 60115
Sat	08/02/25	2:00pm	4:00pm	**Veterans Awareness Fair, Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington St., 60135**
Sat	08/02/25	3:00pm	6:00pm	**Corn Boil,** Hosted by the Sons of the American Legion (SAL) from Belvidere and Genoa
Sat	08/02/25	3:00pm	6:00pm	Corn Boil will be at the Genoa Veterans Home, 311 South Washington St., 60135, ($3pp)
Fri	09/19/25	4:30pm	5:00pm	POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony at the Genoa Veterans Home (GVH)
Fri	09/19/25	5:00pm	7:00pm	Genoa VFW Spaghetti, Salad, Garlic Bread Dinner (RSVP Pre-paid $12 Walk-in $15)
	Planning for October of 2025			Seeking female veterans to go to Washington DC on Operation HerStory Flight
	Planning for October of 2025			Contact Charlotte Hodder at 815-751-1805 or cashodder1976@comcast.net

(Updated almost weekly) **All events are subject to change**

Provided by DeKalb County 40&8, Voiture 207
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Motorcycle Escort for Three Memorial Day Parades

Monday, Memorial Day, May 26, 2025, Staging DeKalb Elks Lodge 765 7:45am, KSU 8:05am, DeKalb Clock, DeKalb Parade 9:00am, Sycamore Memorial Day Parade 10:00am and Genoa Memorial Day Parade 11:00am. (Contact ffb66@juno.com)

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The ***2025 MAYORS' MEMORIAL DAY BREAKFAST*** **will be on Monday, May 26, 2025** from 6:30am to 7:15am at the **Elks DeKalb Lodge No. 765,** 209 S. Annie Glidden Road, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

This will be the 33rd breakfast on Memorial Day and the 9th breakfast at the Elks Lodge. We are asking everyone to join us and then attend one or more of the Memorial Day events. There will be a United Prayer at 7:15am, a short program at 7:30am and we will be done by 8:00am. Motorcycle ride starting at about 8:10am.

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 2025 Mayors' Memorial Day Breakfast. (please circle one) yes or no # (_____) attending

$10.00 RSVP Check mailed before 05-21-2025. **CHECKS payable to:** **40&8 - 2025 Mayors' Breakfast**

Please pay in advance to help us with our planning. **Check No.**_____ Amount_____

Mail to: Frank Beierlotzer, 1384 Omega Circle Drive, DeKalb, IL 60115 MMDB-MCE-2025-05-26-Inv.001____

Otherwise, just show up and pay $15.00 at the unpaid table located in the bar area.

DeKalb County Veterans Orginizations
Voting Monday February 10th, 2025

Veterans of Foreign Wars	Delegates & Alternates	Present	Superintendents Report Approval January 2025		
	D: H. James Cox (V.P.)	X	Y		
Post #1486 Sandwich.	*A: Rebecca Ropp*				
	D: Gerald Drake				
Post #5768 Sycamore	*A: Ernie McGee*				
	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: George Schippits	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**	**Abstain**

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Sign in for DCVAC meeting on February 10th, 2025

Name & Organization		Circle One
1. Jim Cox	VFW 1486	Driver/Passenger
2. Robert Coulter	40 & 8	Driver/Passenger
3. Celeste Latham	181	Driver/Passenger
4. Bill Lamb	337	Driver/Passenger
5. Dwain Adkins	99	Driver/Passenger
6. George Schippits	337	Driver/Passenger
7. Charlotte Hodde	AL 66	Driver/Passenger
8. Joe Hodde	AL 66	Driver/Passenger
9. Frank Beierlotze	VFW 8387	Driver/Passenger
10. Ed McComb	AL 99	Driver/Passenger
11. Robert Bend	AL 654	Driver/Passenger
12.		Driver/Passenger