Minutes
Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Meeting Date: June 12, 2019

❖ Called to Order: 6:00 P.M. by Rick Gardner
❖ Prayer: Recited by Chad Lockman
❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Rick Gardner
❖ Dedication: Memory of Frank Kurtz
❖ Roll Call: (Present unless noted) Quorum present

• President Rick Gardner – American Legion Post 675
• Vice President Bernie Boeger – American Legion Post 459 *Excused
• Treasurer Norm Meier – American Legion Post 459 *Excused
• Secretary Jerimy Weatherly – American Legion Post 395
• Alternate Brian Clason – American Legion Post 395 *Absent
• Alternate Joe West – American Legion Post 675
• Delegate Ken Havelka – American Legion Post 489
• Alternate Paul Hejnar – American Legion Post 489
• VACKC Liaison Scott Gryder *Excused
• VACKC Liaison (Alt) Matt Kellogg *Excused
• Superintendent Chad Lockman
• CVSO William Sutton

Guests and concerned citizens:
❖ Rob Bailey – Montgomery VFW Post 7452
❖ Mike Iwanski – Montgomery VFW Post 7452

Commission Officer’s Reports
❖ President – Reviewed correspondence; Thank-you cards from scholarship recipients and Luckinbill Family – Motion to accept by Alternate Hejnar, second by Delegate Havelka, all in favor.
❖ Secretary – Motion by Alternate West, 2nd by Delegate Havelka, all in favor to accept April 3rd minutes as read
❖ Treasurer – April and May First National Bank statements furnished to body. Motion to accept report by Alternate West, 2nd by Delegate Weatherly, all in favor to accept balance of $34,301.80.
Committee Reports
Bylaws – Chairman of Bylaws Committee, Delegate Weatherly apologized for not having recently-suggested changes prepared for body. Discussed legalities regarding non-county posts being afforded voting rights on the VACKC.

Superintendent’s Report
- William Sutton completed VA accreditation training on April 12th
- VAC Staff attained annual CEUs at NACVSO conference in Cleveland June 2 – 5
- VAC Staff maintaining regular presence in the community via benefit presentations, social media, and radio; flagship website complete www.kendally vets.org
- 2019 Golf Outing (Golf Fore Vets); Net profit of $12,176.22; 80 golfers, 49 sponsors
- VA Work-Study Jorge Arciniega finished undergraduate degree at Lewis University upon completion of VACKC internship
- VACKC participation in Oswego Area Chamber of Commerce Golf Outing on May 30th; made many community contacts
- VACKC Staff attended IACVAC/IACO conference in Springfield April 8 – 9
- VACKC went live with new client management software, VetPro on April 15th; enabled direct upload and is compliant with HIPPA and privacy
  - Data migration - $5,495; 3 users - $3,000
  - Initial setup – Waived; Existing software discount - $1,495
  - Total - $7,000; Ongoing annual cost - $3,000
- Consulted with attorney/veteran Bill Hotopp at no cost; review of and, suggested revisions to VACKC Bylaws to afford maximum protection under the law

Old Business - None

New Business
- VACKC advised by Superintendent that PT employee will be hired to manage social media and public relations ($10/hr NTE 20 hrs/wk)
- VACKC Bylaws amendments tabled for further discussion
- Treasurer Meier suggested VACKC donations to Fisher House and Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans; No vote at this time
- President Gardner suggested VACKC donation to Community Heroes Appreciation (first responders and families); no vote at this time
- Delegate Weatherly brought-up several ideas for VACKC-funded programs, particularly community medical services; criteria unable to be articulated; no vote at this time

Good of the Commission
- Oswego Senior Center management changing hands

Closing
- Salute to Flag
- Adjournment - 7:45 PM