**MINUTES**
Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois
Meeting Date: January 4, 2017

- **Preliminaries**
  - Called to Order: 6:04 PM
  - Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
  - Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
  - Meeting dedication: To all lives lost during Pearl Harbor attack
  - Roll Call:

- President Jeff Cox – American Legion Post 489
- Vice President Bob Leonard – VFW Post 8234
- Treasurer Ed Kurz – VFW Post 8234
- Secretary Norm Meier – American Legion Post 459
- Delegate Don Dahm – American Legion Post 675
- Delegate Frank Kurtz – American Legion Post 395
- Alternate Brian Clason – American Legion Post 395 *Absent
- Alternate Herb Allen – American Legion Post 675 *Absent
- Alternate Bernie Boeger – American Legion Post 459
- Alternate Tom Wagner – American Legion Post 489
- VACKC County Board Liaison Scott Gryder

**VACKC Staff:**
- Superintendent: Chad Lockman
- Asst. Superintendent: Olivia Laschober
- CVSO Coordinator: Donovan Torres

- **Correspondence**
  VAC received several Christmas cards from veterans and widows we have served.

- **Commission Officer’s Reports**
  - President – Introduced Scott Gryder, new County Board VAC liaison.
  - Secretary - Motion passed to accept the 11/2/2016 minutes as read.
  - Treasurer
    - Motion passed to accept the balance of $22,720.68 which includes a $5000 donation from Kendall County Salute to Veterans NFP, a $600 donation from Marilyn Langhart, and a $100 donation from UAW Local 145.
    - Motion passed to reimburse Chad for submitted Christmas dinner expenses of $58.98.

- **Superintendent’s Report**
  - Chad submitted current VACKC fund balances, Veterans Assistance Expenditures and totals, and transportation totals.
- VACKC brought $7.4 million into Kendall County during 2016.
- The Home Depot Foundation began work on Sandwich veteran’s home modification.
- VACKC is in pursuit of additional THDF grants for other veteran’s homes.
- Veteran’s Assistance re-validations were made for 9 veterans and 1 widow.
- Two veterans are receiving ongoing MH care through VACKC/KCHD.
- Olivia continues to hold monthly meetings in various community organizations as well as holding outreach events to attract and provide assistance to additional veterans.
- Donovan Torres has begun work as full time CVSO.
- Chad submitted VACKC annual report to the Governor of Illinois.
- Maurice Leyland has been hired as an additional driver, as needed.

**Commission Committee Reports**

- Bylaws Committee –
- Budget Committee –
- Election Committee –
- Scholarship Committee – Motion passed to add Lynn Barrett and Bev Bitterman to the scholarship committee along with Ed, Jeff, Brian, and Lynn White.

**Unfinished Business**

- OMA training needs to be completed by February 1st.

**New Business**

- Motion passed to approve Donovan Torres, new CVSO Coordinator, for county credit card ($2500.00 limit.)
- Motion passed to authorize Chad to apply for 501 (c) (19) wartime veteran status for the VACKC.
- Motion passed to approve VACKC Bylaws with amendments.
- Chad presented the following three options for moving the VACKC to another location.
  1. Historic Courthouse
  2. Trailer/Modular Building
  3. Purchase Commercial Office space
     - Discussion was held as to the need to move the VACKC and the advantages and disadvantages of each move. Chad will schedule a tour with the realtor for the board to view the commercial space.

**Good of the Commission**

- Plano American Legion Post 395 –
- Newark American Legion Post 459 –
- Yorkville American Legion Post 489 –
- Oswego American Legion Post 675 –
- Yorkville VFW Post 8234 –
- Olivia passed out fliers to be posted and mentioned at each post: Redshirt Friday T-Shirts; Benefits and Brunch Presentation; Women Vets monthly gathering; VACKC Veteran Benefit Newsletter.

**Closing Prayer**  Recited by Frank Kurtz.

**Salute the Flag**

**Adjournment**  7:20 PM.