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.