Call to order: 7:00 PM
Prayer: Recited by Franklin Kurtz
Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Don Dahm
Meeting Dedication: To our fighting men and women wherever they may be.
Roll call Members 6 Alternates 5 Quorum Yes

VACKC Officer’s Reports:

President’s report:
- Ralph’s Place has been contacted to host our December meeting/Holiday dinner. After discussion it was decided to have the meeting there. Frank moved to go with the self serve option Dale seconded and the motion passed. After further discussion the Menu was set at:
  - Main Course: Roast beef, Broasted Chicken and Baked Cod
  - Potato: Baked
  - Vegetable: Asparagus
  - The drink, soup, salad bar and desert are included.
  - It was decided to hold the meeting/dinner on our regular meeting night December 3rd.
  - Arnie moved that we make the expenditure to spend the money for the dinner, Gene seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer’s report:
Honor flight has indicated they can make better use of the donated money if we give it in one lump sum. After discussion Arnie moved to rescind the original motion to donate the memorial fund to honor flights $1000 per month. John Schwartz seconded and the motion passed. Arnie then made a motion that we contribute the whole balance of the memorial fund to Honor Flights in one lump sum to be presented to them at the state conference. Ted seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Nancy will talk to the bank to see if she can get them to forgive the penalties for early withdrawal. Frank moved to accept the treasurer’s report Gene seconded and the motion passed.

Secretary’s Report
Gene move to dispense with reading the minutes from the August meeting and that the minutes be approved. Phil seconded and the motion passed.
VACKC Superintendent’s Report

- Nancy donated a 4,500 square foot building to house the new food pantry.
- After discussion December 6th was picked for decorating the troop tree.
- Food baskets for the veterans in need were discussed. Phil moved that we authorize $300 for food baskets. Norm seconded and the motion passed.
- Don John and Ed will be attending the county budget meeting.
- Norm asked what type of help was provided for veteran’s job search. Ed explained the various avenues made available to veterans.
- Ed explained the overage in the fuel budget.

VACKC Committee Reports:

- **Budget Committee:**
  The Budget committee will meet on Sept 4th and meet with the county budget committee at 9:30 AM. They are going with the budget approved at our last meeting. Don will call an additional VAC meeting if needed.

- **Election Committee:**
  - Ted and Jeff form the Election Committee. All members are invited to nominate a member for any office at any time up to and including next meeting. They may communicate those nominations to either Ted Simpson or Jeff Cox.
  - The nominations made at the meeting were:
    - President Phil Smith
    - Vice President Gene White
    - Secretary John Schwartz
    - Treasurer Don Dahm
  - Those nominations have been changed to:
    - President Phil Smith
    - Vice President Gene White
    - Secretary Norm Meier
    - Treasurer John Schwartz

- **IACVAC-NACVSO Report:**
  On Friday Don and Ed will attend the IAVAC meeting. They will meet with various state officials.

- **Legislative Committee:**
  Federal US congressman Bill Foster has asked Herb Holderman, DeKalb County VAC Superintendent and Ed Dixon, VACKC Superintendent to serve on a veteran’s advisory panel.

- **Special Events Committee:**
  - VAC office staff will operate a booth at the Senior Health & Wellness Fair in Oswego on Saturday, October 18th.
  - The troop tree will be decorated on December 6th.
Good of the Commission:

- Phil brought up that the Illinois National Guard is being transitioned to the 33rd Brigade Combat Team and are being deployed to Afghanistan. Ed suggested that we may be able to help the families of those serving.
- Jeff pointed out that there will be a picnic at Harris Forest Preserve for all Legion members and their families on Sept 13th.
- There will be a Protocol class at the Plano Legion on September 20th from 10:00AM till 2:00 PM.
- Next scheduled VAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00 PM. No meeting will be held in October.

Closing prayer dedicated to those returning from combat zones.

- Salute the Flag
- Adjournment: 7:54 PM