

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:
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- 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
- CVS0 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.