

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County
"Serving America's Finest"

Minutes

Date: 04/04/2012

➤ **Preliminaries:**

- ❖ Called to Order: 6: 48 PM
- ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
- ❖ Meeting dedication: To VACKC President Gene White.
- ❖ Roll Call: Present 10 - Absent 2 - Vacancy 1 Quorum YES
- ❖ Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:
New Board Member, Jerry Salois; Nancy Martin, VAC Liaison/Kendall County Board; Ed Dixon, VAC Superintendent; Steve Barrett, Assistant VAC Superintendent

➤ **Commission Officer's Reports:**

- ❖ President's Report - Jeff Cox presided during the absence of President White.
- ❖ Secretary's Report (Norm Meier):
 - Motion passed to accept November 2011 and December 2011 minutes.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report (Ed Kurz):
 - Presented list of transactions from Sept, 2011 to current date.
 - Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$9,111 checking account balance.

➤ **VAC Superintendent's Report:**

- ❖ Ed Dixon:
 - April VACKC activity report submitted, with following attachments: Year to date summary report; FY-2011 VACKC budget;
 - Presented 2011 County Veteran's Assistance Data Sheet showing a net gain of \$2,319,939.94 spendable income that has been brought into Kendall County from the VA claim settlements.
 - Presented copy of VACKC Annual Report.
 - Updated the VACKC website to conform to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

- Reported that all VACKC staff has completed the new SNL claims processing training.
- Presented awards to Olaf Gjovik and Plano Post 375 for donations to VACKC treasury.

➤ VAC Committee Reports:

- FINANCE COMMITTEE - 2013 budget proposal was presented for discussion and review. A vote will be taken at the June meeting.
- LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Discussed Senate Bill 2837 to add the word "Veteran" to Illinois driver's license and state ID cards.

➤ Unfinished Business - None

➤ New Business -

- Discussed using cash from the general fund to purchase gifts certificates for needy vets such as gas cards. Proposal was tabled.
- Motion passed for the four VACKC Board officers complete the Illinois Attorney General's on line testing requirement on the new Illinois Open Meetings Act by January, 2013.

➤ Good of the Commission

- Nathan Knutson, wounded soldier, benefit at Newark American Legion Post 459 on April 29th, 12-8pm.
- Plano Post 359 held two fundraisers for the VACKC holiday food basket program totaling \$2,289.

➤ Closing Prayer - Recited by Frank Kurtz.

➤ Salute the Flag

➤ Adjournment: 7:55 PM

- Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.
- Minutes approved at the June 13, 2012 meeting.