

Minutes

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Meeting Date: April 9, 2014

➤ Preliminaries

- ❖ Called to Order: 7:00 PM
- ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
- ❖ Meeting dedication: To all the soldiers that were killed or injured in the latest Fort Hood shootings.
- ❖ Introduction of guests, concerned citizens, and the press:
Chad Lockman, VA Work Study Aid, Cheryl Bullock, VSO and Steve Barrett, VSO – VACKC staff

❖ Roll Call:

<u>Commission Members – Superintendent – County Board Liaison</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
• President Jeff Cox – Delegate – American Legion Post 489	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Vice President Don Dahm – Delegate - American Legion Post 675	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Secretary Norm Meier – Delegate – American Legion Post 459	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Treasurer Ed Kurz – Delegate – VFW Post 8234	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Delegate Frank Kurtz – American Legion Post 395	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Alternate Jerry Salois – American Legion Post 395		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
• Alternate John Schwartz – American Legion Post 675	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Alternate Bob Leonard – VFW Post 8234	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Alternate Ted Simpson – American Legion Post 459	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Alternate Sonny Ellen – American Legion Post 489	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Delegate Bob Tracy – Tri-County Chapter of VietNow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Alternate Michael Donahue – Tri-County Chapter of VietNow	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Superintendent Ed Dixon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
• Liaison Jeff Wehrli	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

◆ Established quorum: YES

➤ Commission Officer's Reports

- ❖ President
 - Report – None
 - Correspondence – Norm Reynolds, vet that was helped out by KCVAC wanted to express his appreciation for the help he received from our VAC office.
- ❖ Vice President
 - Report – No report given
- ❖ Secretary.
 - Motion passed to accept the January 15, 2014 minutes as read and file for record

- ❖ Treasurer Report – Written report submitted, including donations of \$200 from Kendall County Republican Women and \$1000 from Mr. and Mrs. Funfsinn. Castle Bank Account balance is \$10,369.41.
 - Motion passed to accept the report for file and audit.

➤ **Superintendent's Report:**

- Report: Written report submitted
 - Submitted: April Year to Date Expenditures Report, Fund Balances Reports, and Veterans Assistance Statistics Report, indicating that the number of vets we serve that receive assistance has increased from 24 to 33.
 - Passed out 2014 schedule including VACKC, IACVAC, and NACVSO meetings and training sessions.
 - Distributed updated VAC Directory.
 - Ed discussed his pending November retirement from the KCVAC Superintendent position and the ongoing process of interviews being held for his replacement. The schedule for training new staff to be accredited was discussed.

➤ **Commission Committee Reports**

- ❖ Bylaws Committee – no changes received - nothing to report.
- ❖ Budget Committee – Reviewed 2014 budget and approved amendments to budget. Roll call vote to approve the changes was unanimous. Reviewed 2015 budget proposal including revised staff salaries and the addition of a line item for training new staff. This will be voted on at the June meeting. Ed submitted a five year Capital Expense Forecast summary.
- ❖ Election Committee – nothing to report until nominations open at the September meeting.
- ❖ Legislative Committee – no report.
- ❖ IACVAC Report – Reviewed the proposed legislation and items for the April IACVAC Legislative Conference in Springfield.

➤ **Unfinished Business**

- ❖ Ed reported the current status of Grundy County Case Number 13-L-73. This case involves a complaint for “wrongful termination” and the plaintiff is suing for \$247,844.49 for wages.
- ❖ Discussed need for an additional bus driver for the daily dialysis run to Oswego.
- ❖ The new Goshen handicapped bus from Central States should be delivered in mid May.

➤ **New Business**

1. The County Board unanimously passed a resolution to let the KCVAC handle the gravesite and burial needs for indigent vets in the county by working with the Kendall County Coroner.
2. The Gene White Scholarship Committee will meet soon to decide on a scholarship winner. Sonny Ellen will replace Norm Meier on this year’s committee.

➤ **Good of the Commission** – To promote special community and Post events

- ❖ Plano American Legion Post 395 – nothing to report
- ❖ Newark American Legion Post 459 – Pig roast and gun raffle in February was very successful.
- ❖ Yorkville American Legion Post 489 – May 17th, National Commander will speak at a dinner on Armed Forces Day. Fish Fry is back. Wounded Warrior fundraiser raised over \$8000.
- ❖ Oswego American Legion Post 675 – Hosts Comedy Club twice a month. Fish fry will close for the summer. Memorial Day Parade.
- ❖ Yorkville VFW Post 8234 – Two Memorial Day cemetery services held.

❖ Tri-County Chapter of VietNow – National VietNow Convention in Madison, Wisconsin on May 1st.

- **Closing Prayer** Recited by Frank Kurtz
- **Salute The Flag**
- **Adjournment** Motion passed to adjourn at 7:58 PM.

Submitted by Norm Meier, KCVAC Secretary, May 2, 2014.



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COMMISSION MEETING SIGN-IN SHEET

MEETING DATE: April 9, 2014

Post or Chapter	Designation	VACKC Title	Name	Signature
American Legion Post 395	Delegate		Frank Kurtz	<i>Frank R. Kurtz</i>
	Alternate	IACVAC Alternate	Jerry Salois	ABSENT
American Legion Post 459	Delegate	Secretary	Norm Meier	<i>Norm Meier</i>
	Alternate		Ted Simpson	<i>Theodore J. Simpson</i>
American Legion Post 489	Delegate	President	Jeff Cox	<i>Jeff Cox</i>
	Alternate		Wallace Ellen	<i>Wallace Ellen</i>
American Legion Post 675	Delegate	Vice President	Don Dahm	<i>Don Dahm</i>
	Alternate		John Schwartz	<i>John Schwartz</i>
VFW Post 8234	Delegate	Treasurer	Ed Kurz	<i>Ed Kurz</i>
	Alternate		Bob Leonard	<i>Bob Leonard</i>
Tri-County Chapter of VietNow	Delegate		Mike Donahue	<i>Mike Donahue</i>
	Alternate		Bob Tracy	<i>Bob Tracy</i>

COUNTY BOARD LIAISON & VACKC STAFF

County Board	Liaison	Jeff Wehrli	<i>Jeff Wehrli</i>
VACKC Staff	Superintendent / IACVAC Treasurer	Edward Dixon	<i>Edward Dixon</i>
VACKC Staff (If requested)	CVSO / IACVAC Delegate	Bradley Barrett	<i>Bradley Barrett</i>
VACKC Staff (If requested)	CVSO / IACVAC Training Committee	Cheryl Bullock	Cheryl Bullock