



# Minutes

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County, Illinois

Date: 09/02/2009

## ➤ Preliminaries:

- ❖ Called to Order: 7:00 PM
- ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Phil Smith
- ❖ Meeting dedication: 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade of the Illinois National Guard, that recently returned from Afghanistan.
- ❖ Roll Call: Present 10 Absent 2 Vacancy 1 Quorum YES
- ❖ Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:  
Ed Dixon County Superintendent, Steve Barrett Assistant County Superintendent, and Nancy Martin County Board Liaison

## ➤ Commission Officer's Reports:

- ❖ President's Report (Phil Smith):
  - \* Correspondence from Jason Larson
  - \* Thank you letters to VAC from two vets
  - \* Notice of change of address and map for Aurora Veteran's Clinic.
- ❖ Secretary's Report (Norm Meier):
  - \* Motion passed to accept July 1 minutes.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report (John Schwartz):
  - \* Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$3185.00 checking account balance.

## ➤ VAC Superintendent's Report:

- ❖ Superintendent - Ed Dixon:
  - \* Written report submitted, with attachments.
  - \* Many policy changes coming from state and federal VA (will be discussed at next meeting).
  - \* Ed received coupons from Food Pantry and from Caring Hands to be given for needy vets.
  - \* Ed introduced HB 2281 (Veteran's Court) and HB 4212 (Alternative Sentencing for Combat Vets) to the state legislature.

➤ Budget Committee

- \* VACKC 2010 budget of \$367,578 is posted in the County's shared file pending approval.

➤ Unfinished Business

- \* None

➤ New Business

- \* Motion was passed to award Angel Food holiday boxes to needy Vet's families, not to exceed \$360 total cost.
- \* Discussion held of whether VAC or County has responsibility for indigent Vets

➤ Election Committee

- \* Don Dahm was appointed chairman and Mike Marcelain the teller.
- \* Nominations received:
  - President - Phil Smith
  - Vice President - Gene White
  - Secretary - Norm Meier
  - Treasurer - John Schwartz
- \* Any additional nominations are due to Don by October 30<sup>th</sup>.

➤ Good of the Commission

- \* "Armed Guard" and "Merchant Marine" plaque will be dedicated and added to the Veteran's Memorial in Oswego.
- \* Dale Gilbreth is recovering from a stroke. He is at Tiller's Nursing Home in Oswego.

➤ Special Events and Dates

- \* October 17, VAC booth at Oswego High School for senior health fair.
- \* November 4, 7pm, VACKC Board Meeting

➤ Closing Prayer Led by Frank Kurtz

➤ Salute the Flag Led by Phil Smith

➤ Adjournment: 7:55pm

Minutes prepared and submitted by: Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary  
Date minutes will be submitted for approval: November 4, 2009