



# Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County

*"Serving America's Finest"*

## **Minutes**

**Date: 11/02/2011**

### ➤ **Preliminaries:**

- ❖ **Called to Order:** 7: 05PM
- ❖ **Prayer:** Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Gene White
- ❖ **Meeting dedication:** To our Armed Forces around the globe.
- ❖ **Roll Call:** Present 10 Absent 2 Vacant 1 Quorum YES
- ❖ **Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:**  
Nancy Martin, VAC Liaison/Kendall County Board; Ed Dixon, VAC Superintendent; Steve Barrett, Assistant VAC Superintendent; Cheryl Bullock, VAC Administrator, Representatives from Cross Lutheran Church; Todd Milliron, observer.

### ➤ **Commission Officer's Reports:**

- ❖ **President's Report (Gene White):**
  - Discussion was held regarding Holiday Food Boxes for needy veterans and families. The Angel Food Network is no longer in operation.
  - Caterpillar UAW intends to contribute toward the food boxes. Cross Lutheran will assemble food boxes for veterans on the Monday before Thanksgiving at 6pm. Motion passed to use \$1050.00 from VAC checking account for food baskets. Donations from local Posts will be solicited to help reimburse cost to VAC.
- ❖ **Secretary's Report (Norm Meier):**
  - Motion passed to amend September 7 minutes to delete Eric Weis name and insert Jeff Wilkins name. Report approved.
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report ( Larry Laughlin):**
  - Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$3,485 checking account balance.

### **VAC Superintendent's Report (Ed Dixon):**

- November VACKC activity report submitted, with following attachments: Year to date summary report; FY-2011 VACKC budget; Y-T-D Veterans Assistance totals.
- Proposed 2012 Budget includes cuts of \$3,743.00.
- As of December 1<sup>st</sup>, the following austerity measures will begin:
  1. Fixed rates amounts amended.
  2. Omit Friday runs to Hines Hospital and reschedule days when only one vet is scheduled to be transported.
  3. Maybe eliminate the campus courier service to the County offices.

- 4. Reduce advertising amount and number of staff if necessary.
- Motion passed to approve Superintendent's report, including the amended Assistance Policy for 2012.
- Discussion was held regarding how to use volunteer help in the VAC office.

➤ VAC Committee Reports:

- Budget Committee: Discussions were held regarding the 2012 VAC budget; the amount of money received from county assessments and the formula used to determine how much the VAC receives; the proposed VACKC employee's salary raises compared to the Kendall County union and non-union salary raises; the hours and work load of the VAC employees. Steve presented a list of services offered by VACKC and commented on the increased work load due to the influx of veterans leaving the military.
  - Motion was passed at 8:15pm to go in to executive session to discuss 2012 budget and budget revision proposals.
  - Motion was passed at 8:25pm to go out of executive session.
  - Motion was passed to approve the 2012 budget as it currently is written, including a 6% raise for VACKC office staff.
- Election Committee: The following slate of officers were approved for 2012: Gene White, President; Jeff Cox, Vice-President; Norm Meier, Secretary; Ed Kurz, Treasurer.

➤ Unfinished Business – none

➤ New Business – none

➤ Good of the Commission

- November 5 – Oswego Legion Steak Dinner
- November 23 – Newark Legion Smoker
- December 3 – Troop Tree Dedication
- December 4 – Yorkville Legion to honor Eldon Madden

**FY-2012 VACKC Meeting Schedule:**

- December 7, 2011 VACKC Meeting and Christmas Dinner at 6PM at Yorkville Legion
- April 4, 2012 VACKC Meeting at 7 PM at HHS Building
- June 6, 2012 VACKC Meeting at 7 PM at HHS Building
- September 5, 2012 VACKC Meeting at 7 PM at HHS Building
- November 7, 2012 VACKC Meeting

➤ Closing Prayer - Recited by Frank Kurtz.

➤ Salute the Flag

➤ Adjournment: 8:40 PM

- Minutes prepared and submitted for approval at the November meeting by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.