

Veterans Assistance Commission of McHenry County

Minutes of the General Meeting

June 16, 2010

Chairman Joe Kersten called the meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission to order at 1943 the meeting took place at the Woodstock VFW, 240 N. Throop St Woodstock IL.

Chairman Joe Kersten led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chaplain, Roger Lasko presented the Invocation

Secretary, Michael Wisniewski called the roll. A quorum of officers and posts were present.

Officer's present: (*Appointed)

Chairman	Joe Kersten	Sr. Vice Chairman	Ted Anderson
Jr. Vice Chairman		VAC Inc Treasurer	Gerald Raske
Judge Advocate	Ray Rigsby	Sergeant At Arms	Jim Koch
McHenry County Board Rep.	Edward Dvorak	Parliamentarian*	Ray Rigsby
Chaplain*	Roger Lasko	IACVAC Delegate*	Robert Howe Jr.
IACVAC Alternate*	Ray Rigsby	Secretary *	Michael Wisniewski

Posts Represented:

American Legion	#119 Fox River Grove Del <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	#171 Crystal Lake Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
	#192 Marengo Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#253 Richmond Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	#265 Harvard Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#276 Cary Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
	#412 Woodstock Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#482 Union Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
	#491 McHenry Del <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#606 Hebron Del <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
	#673 Huntley Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	#1231 Lake In the Hills Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
	AMVETS	#245 Cary Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
Veterans Of Foreign Wars	#4600 McHenry Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	#5040 Woodstock Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
	#8249 Harvard Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#11496 Crystal Lake Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Corps League Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	Polish Legion Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VietNow Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Guests	Jay Baker	

Officers Remarks – No officer's remarks.

Routine Reports:

The May Minutes – A copy of the May Minutes was made available to all Delegates and Alternates. A motion to accept the May minutes was made by Robert Howe Jr. and seconded by Don Stage. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

VAC Financial Report – A copy of the May financial report was made available to all delegates and alternates.

The VAC budget useage has reached the 33% mark--this is actually under the projected budget useage level of approximately 50%--which is good. The VAC budget will need to tap into the reserve fund once the VAC budget useage reaches the \$350,000.00 mark.

A motion to accept the Superintendent's report was made by Don Stage and seconded by Robert Howe Jr.. A unanimous vote passed the motion.

Public Participation – There was no public participation except for welcoming our guest, Jay Baker.

Correspondence – 1) A letter and circular from the Woodstock Assembly Of God Church at 1201 Dean Street, Woodstock. They are hosting a no sale FREE Garage Sale as an outreach program that gives clothes, shoes, household items, furniture , and more to needy families on Saturday, July 17th, from 7 AM to 3 PM.

2) A thank-you letter from a client located in Lake-In-The-Hills to VAC Superintendant, Michael Iwanicki for representing her in filing a disability claim with the VA and winning disability benefits and medical care.

3) A thank-you letter from the BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding & Educational Center to Superintendent, Michael Iwanicki in behalf of the VAC Inc. donation of \$75.00 to sponsor a class at the All Veterans Horse Show.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board Meeting – There was an executive board meeting on May 11th and the meeting minutes were made available to the delegates and alternates at the May 19th VAC general meeting and there has been no other executive board business done since then.

By-Laws Committee – The By-Laws for both the VAC and the VAC Inc. have been updated, reviewed, and filed with the County Clerk. The By-Law Committee will remain as a standing committee for future By-Law work as needed.

Corporate Report – The VAC Inc. held their meeting prior to the VAC general meeting.

Public Relations Committee – Nothing to report.

Report of IACVAC Delegate – Nothing to report.

Superintendents Report – The VAC proposed budget for next year is being put together and the McHenry County has warned the VAC to expect a Zero Growth Increase from the McHenry County revenues due to a sharp decrease in tax revenues.

Chairman Joe Kersten opened the floor to Old Business

1) VAC staffers, Cheryl and Jane have just returned from Bloomington, Minnesota after receiving their VSO Phase II training and accreditation respectively. Cheryl's training provided the continuing education required to keep her certification. Jane completed Phase I of her training and has been put in for her first level pay increase.

2) The hallway just outside the VAC offices will be featuring artwork from Mrs Jeanine Hill-Soldner. She is part of the Veterans Art Project and her art will feature portraits of local veterans from the northern

Illinois area. The featured veteran's portrait will include a card that identifies the veteran and his/her military service and where he/she is from.

Chairman Joe Kersten opened the floor to New Business

1) The State of Illinois has recently passed a bill that was heavily promoted by Representative, Mike Tryon and Senator, Pam Althoff. This bill was known as the Veterans Court Bill and will encourage the formation of special Veterans Courts. These special courts will hold hearings on veteran legal cases such as DWI and other minor issues and encourage the veterans to work out their problems by the use of various counseling programs. The McHenry County may be one of the Veterans Court venues to be determined through the circuit court judiciary.

2) The VAC Budget Proposal was presented to the delegates and alternates for review. The review examined the budget proposal in detail with emphasis on the few line items that are marked for increases such as staff pay adjustments due to VSO certifications. The VAC Budget Proposal has an overall increase of 1.23% from \$573,878.00 to \$580,912.00. The proposal is now headed to the McHenry County Budget Committee for review.

3) The federal unemployment benefits are already expired as of June 5th and a bill is in the federal house to be extended to the end of the year. There is a possibility the bill may not be passed and if that occurs, the VAC will get a lot more requests for veterans assistance beginning in June.

Chairman Joe Kersten opened the floor for the good of the association.

1) The McHenry VFW post 4600 is hosting a Blood Drive on Saturday, June 26th from 8 AM to Noon and the blood donors will earn a free breakfast courtesy of the MOC Rakkasans Pup Tent #79.

2) The Crystal Lake AL Post 171 is hosting the state level Legion Baseball Tournament in July. The playoff games are to be played at the MCC ballfields over three days. Veterans can go to the games free-- just go with your Legion Membership Card and wear your Legion cap or show proof of being a veteran.

3) The McHenry County Fair Veteran's Day is on August 5th with free admission to all veterans and will feature veteran-oriented programs all day. The VAC will operate a booth during the fair and the VAC is looking for volunteers to help man the booth from August 4th through August 8th--call the VAC to get information.

4) The Cary Post 276 is hosting a Veterans Picnic on June 23rd at Lions Park in Fox River Grove for the hospitalized veterans at the various VA hospitals. Volunteers are sought to assist the guests and serve chow and clean up afterwards. The buses are due to arrive by 11 AM so helpers are needed early.

5) The BraveHearts Therapeutic Riding & Training Center is holding a Veteran's Horse Show on June 21st from 11 AM to 3 PM and veterans are admitted free.

6) The McHenry VFW Post 4600 is hosting a Korean War Commemorative Ceremony on July 27th at 11 AM to remember the 60th anniversary of the start of hostilities between the Koreas and the start of the involvement of the UN forces.

7) Chicago is planning to host a party on the 25th anniversary of their Welcome Home To VietNam Veterans Parade on

Chaplain, Roger Lasko presented the Benediction.

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Joe Kersten at 2018.

Mike Wisniewski

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Total Requested: \$33206.94
Total Assisted: \$33206.94

Financial Aid Type	Total Entries	Requested	Assisted
Dental	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eyeglasses	1	\$45.00	\$45.00
Food	48	\$50.00	\$50.00
Gasoline	2	\$78.00	\$78.00
Housing Mortgage	3	\$1836.56	\$1836.56
Housing Rent	11	\$5841.34	\$5841.34
Independent Living	11	\$1900.53	\$1900.53
Medical	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other	3	\$85.50	\$85.50
Reimbursement of Financial Assistance	1	\$-10.00	\$-10.00
Transportation Bus Ticket	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transportation Cab	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transportation Train	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilities Electric	5	\$790.31	\$790.31
Utilities Gas	5	\$1364.11	\$1364.11
Utilities Propane or Fuel Oil	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilities Sewer	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilities Telephone	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilities Trash	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilities Water	3	\$232.04	\$232.04
VAC Bus Service	16	\$5972.70	\$5972.70
VAC Office	23	\$15020.85	\$15020.85

County of McHenry
 Expenditure Financial Analysis Inquiry
 Fiscal Period: Month 06 2010 Appn Yr: 2010
 Act/Bal: Year Activity

Style: Tabular

Dept: 22

Org:

Summarize by: OCA 220005 Veterans Assistance Commission Secondary Summarize by: (None)

Primary Detail by: Object Lvl 3 Secondary Detail by: (None)

Year To Date 50%

Object Lvl 3	Object Lvl 3 Title	Appn Budget	Enc/Preenc	Expend	Balance	% of Budget
3010	Regular Salaries	\$111,680.00	\$0.00	\$54,538.36	\$57,141.64	48.83%
3020	Part Time Salaries	\$18,514.00	\$0.00	\$9,601.56	\$8,912.44	51.86%
3030	Per Diems	\$56,996.00	\$0.00	\$25,648.58	\$31,347.42	45.00%
3050	Merit Pool	\$2,604.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,604.00	0.00%
3100	Uniform Allowance	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$234.00	33.14%
3105	Social Security/Co. Share	\$14,520.00	\$0.00	\$6,763.28	\$7,756.72	46.58%
3110	Ill. Municipal Retirement F	\$11,577.00	\$0.00	\$5,356.03	\$6,220.97	46.26%
3146	HCP Premium	\$23,116.00	\$0.00	\$6,428.00	\$16,688.00	27.81%
4001	Contractual Services	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$3,678.97	(\$1,278.97)	153.29%
4005	Association Dues/Member	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$370.00	7.50%
4006	Training	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$1,194.95	\$205.05	85.35%
4008	Subscriptions	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$160.68	\$39.32	80.34%
4055	Contractual Printing	\$600.00	\$382.31	\$318.90	(\$101.21)	116.87%
4060	Legal Notices & Advertise	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$54.49	\$1,745.51	3.03%
4096	Telecommunications	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,080.25	\$2,919.75	27.01%
4200	Veterans Assistance	\$293,022.00	\$0.00	\$73,785.76	\$219,236.24	25.18%
4246	Medical Services	\$32,593.90	\$0.00	\$6,146.79	\$26,447.11	18.86%
4306	Repair & Maint - Vehicles	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$523.99	\$6,976.01	6.99%
4321	Computer Program Maint	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$633.00	\$117.00	84.40%
5010	Office Supplies	\$1,052.50	\$52.50	\$536.89	\$463.11	56.00%
5020	Office Equipment Less Th	\$2,153.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,153.95	0.00%
5040	Mileage	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
5050	Meeting Expenses	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,188.36	\$3,811.64	36.47%
5115	Computer Components U	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,996.93)	\$2,996.93	-199.69%
5125	Computer software Under	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
5160	Fuel, Oil, and Grease	\$11,700.00	\$0.00	\$4,155.48	\$7,544.52	35.52%
5210	Publications	\$250.00	\$0.00	(\$428.00)	\$678.00	-171.20%
5251	Promotional Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$325.00	(\$325.00)	0.00%
		\$607,679.35	\$434.81	\$200,840.39	\$406,404.15	33.12%