

McHenry County Veterans Assistance Commission

Minutes of the General Meeting

March 17, 2010

Chairman Joe Kersten called the meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission to order at 1939 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 Mike 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	Open	VAC Inc Treasurer	Excused
Judge Advocate	Excused	Sergeant At Arms	Jim Koch
McHenry County Board Rep.	Ed Dvorak	Parliamentarian*	Excused
Chaplain*	Roger Lasko	IACVAC Delegate*	Robert Howe Jr.
IACVAC Alternate*	Excused	Secretary *	Mike Wisniewski

Posts Represented:

American Legion	#119 Fox River Grove Del <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	#171 Crystal Lake Del <input checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#5040 Woodstock Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	#8249 Harvard Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input type="checkbox"/>	#11496 Crystal Lake Del <input type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Guests	Joe Lewis from VietNow, Lawrence Gordon from VFW #5040	

Officers Remarks – Ted Anderson announced that the next VAC General Meeting slated for the 21st of April, will convene at the McHenry County Government Building. The guest speaker is scheduled to be Veterans Educational Specialist, Frank Dellatorre; from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. Frank Dellatorre will be speaking on college apprentice programs and how to get \$1000.00 per month while going to school and or working as an apprentice. Employers who are participating in these apprentice training programs can get credit and money for hiring these apprentices.

Routine Reports:

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

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

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

Public Participation – Lawrence Gordon introduced himself as the alternate from the VFW POST #5040 and pitched a fundraiser for the Woodstock VFW Relief Fund for the families of the fallen soldiers of the Woodstock Armory. This fundraiser is to be the Guns & Hoses Charity Hockey Game on June 5th, 2010 at the Crystal Lake Ice House @ 4:00 PM.

Correspondence – The following correspondence was received by the VAC:

- 1) The VFW #5040 have designated the following delegation effective 17 March 2010=Delegate is Brian Ritter and alternate delegate is Lawrence Gordon.
- 2) The VietNow have designated the following delegation effective 17 March 2010=Delegate is Joe Kersten and alternate delegate is Anthony (Tony) Bilus.
- 3) The A. L. #412 have designated the following delegation effective 17 March 2010=Delegate is Dewayne Raney.
- 4) 2 Thank-you cards were received for VA disability claims work done by the VAC staff.
- 5) Donations to the VAC Inc by the "Regular American Veterans Foundation" that totaled \$350.00.
- 6) the A. L. #119 have designated the following delegation effective 17 March 2010=Alternate delegate is Carl Stengele.

Committee Reports:

Executive Board Meeting – Nothing to report.

By-Laws Committee – Nothing to report.

Corporate Report – The VAC Inc met prior to the regular VAC meeting.

Public Relations Committee – Ted Anderson reported that the 'Wounded Warriors' organization is seeking a 'new' sponsor to replace the support lost when the ComEd Corp. dropped sponsorship of their group. The 'Wounded Warriors' provide support to the injured service personnel who are being treated at the Walter Reed Army Hospital. The recently held Veterans Standdown that was hosted by the NASA Corp. took care of 211 veterans in which only 4 veterans came from the McHenry County area.

Report of IACVAC Delegate – The next IACVAC legislative meeting on veterans affairs is scheduled for May 2nd through May 5th at Springfield, Illinois.

Superintendents Report – The following items were covered by VAC Superintendant, Mike Iwanicki:

A) The VAC staff is still installing public records (VAC general meeting minutes, VAC Inc minutes, VAC Inc By-Laws, VAC By-Laws, VAC Rules and Guidelines) on to the VAC website. The posts are encouraged to link up their websites to the VAC website and use the VAC website's "Veterans Events Calendar" to advertise post events. The VAC Website is www.co.mchenry.il.us/departments/vac/Pages/index.aspx

B) The VAC will be setting up a booth at the Great Outdoor Exposition on March 27th and 28th at the Woodstock North High School campus and needs help in giving out information--volunteers can call the VAC office for information.

C) The local granting authority for the "stimulus fund" projects are requesting that the VAC tap into additional stimulus funds, but the VAC can not use the monies unless it is used for veteran's outreach programs. One use suggested was to assist the veterans group at MCC with setting up a Veterans Information Panal. The VietNow through the help of Joe Lewis has volunteered to assist the VAC in outreach programs.

Chairman Joe Kersten opened the floor to Old Business

A) The VAC is looking for helpers to man their booth during the Great Outdoor Expo--any one looking to help the VAC can contact the VAC office at 1(815)334-4229 for information.

Chairman Joe Kersten opened the floor to New Business

1) VAC Superintendant, Mike Iwanicki will be attending the 'Veterans Legislative Day' event at Springfield and is willing to take two veterans with him. Mike Iwanicki will depart on April 28th and stay in a hotel before attending the event on April 29th and returning that same day. The three attendees will represent the McHenry VAC at the event. If you wish to be one of the attendees, contact the VAC office at 1(815)334-4229 for arrangements.

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

1) The VAC are still looking for six or seven qualified volunteer drivers for to pick up VAC bus riders at their homes at the northern and western reaches of McHenry County so these bus riders can make it to the VAC bus pickup points. Please call the VAC at 1(815)334-4229 for more information.

2) The Veterans Administration has determined that Agent Orange exposure may be linked to Parkinson's Disease, certain leukemias, and certain cardiac conditions.

3) Mike Ruffner of IDES is working to network unemployed or underemployed veterans with businesses who are looking to fill job positions with this type of employee. IDES also offers job counselling services, resume writing assistance, and education assistance.

4) The VAC office will be closed next Thursday (25 March) for staff training related to accessing job searches.

5) The Transitional Living Services is hosting a Veterans Stand Down on May 15th at the Elgin Community College from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Chaplain Roger Lasko presented the Benediction.

Meeting Adjourned by Chairman Joe Kersten at 2041.

Respectfully Submitted
Mike Wisniewski

February 2010 Assistance & Administration

Total Requested: \$29005.28
Total Assisted: \$29005.28

Financial Aid Type	Total Entries	Requested	Assisted
Dental	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Eyeglasses	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Food	40	\$-100.00	\$-100.00*
Gasoline	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Housing Mortgage	1	\$297.00	\$297.00
Housing Rent	9	\$4437.82	\$4437.82
Independent Living	5	\$1360.00	\$1360.00
Medical	1	\$246.00	\$246.00
Other	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reimbursement of Financial Assistance	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transportation Bus Ticket	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Transportation Cab	9	\$332.00	\$332.00
Transportation Train	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
Utilities Electric	4	\$908.98	\$908.98
Utilities Gas	5	\$1054.95	\$1054.95
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	1	\$94.13	\$94.13
Utilities Water	0	\$0.00	\$0.00
VAC Bus Service	16	\$5739.35	\$5739.35
VAC Office	25	\$14521.17	\$14521.17

* 4 Food vouchers were recorded to the Client in March

February Expenses Fiscal Year to Date

Object Lvl 3	Appn Budget	Enc/Preenc	Expend	Balance	% of Budget
3010	\$111,680.00	\$0.00	\$25,205.42	\$86,474.58	22.57%
3020	\$18,514.00	\$0.00	\$4,288.10	\$14,225.90	23.16%
3030	\$56,996.00	\$0.00	\$11,494.81	\$45,501.19	20.17%
3050	\$2,604.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,604.00	0.00%
3100	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	0.00%
3105	\$14,520.00	\$0.00	\$3,095.75	\$11,424.25	21.32%
3110	\$11,577.00	\$0.00	\$2,384.46	\$9,192.54	20.60%
3146	\$23,116.00	\$0.00	\$3,081.58	\$20,034.42	13.33%
4001	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$1,457.62	(\$1,457.62)	160.73%
4005	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	0.00%
4006	\$1,400.00	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$800.00	42.86%
4008	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$160.68	\$39.32	80.34%
4055	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$318.90	\$281.10	53.15%
4060	\$1,800.00	\$0.00	\$777.49	\$1,022.51	43.19%
4096	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$431.29	\$3,568.71	10.78%
4200	\$293,022.00	\$0.00	\$34,071.00	\$258,951.00	11.63%
4246	\$32,593.90	\$17,593.90	\$611.00	\$14,389.00	55.85%
4306	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$27.68	\$7,472.32	0.37%
4321	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	0.00%
5010	\$1,052.50	\$52.50	\$310.36	\$689.64	34.48%
5020	\$2,153.95	\$1,153.95	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	53.57%
5040	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	0.00%
5050	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$114.67	\$5,885.33	1.91%
5115	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	(\$1,996.93)	\$2,996.93	-199.69%
5125	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	0.00%
5160	\$11,700.00	\$0.00	\$1,694.14	\$10,005.86	14.48%
5210	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$47.00	\$203.00	18.80%
5251	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	(\$150.00)	0.00%
	\$607,679.35	\$21,200.35	\$88,325.02	\$488,153.98	18.02%