

Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County
"Serving America's Finest"

Minutes

Date: 04/3/2013

➤ **Preliminaries:**

- ❖ **Called to Order:** 7:02PM
- ❖ **Prayer:** Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Jeff Cox
- ❖ **Meeting dedication:** to all American soldiers serving around the world.
- ❖ **Roll Call:** Present 10 - Absent 1 Quorum YES
- ❖ **Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:**
Jeff Wehrl, VAC Liaison/Kendall County Board; Ed Dixon, VAC Superintendent, Steve Barrett, VAC Assistant Superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Fisher were present to thank the board for the VAC's monetary help with repair of their vehicle.

➤ **Commission Officer's Reports:**

- ❖ President's Report -
- ❖ Secretary's Report (Norm Meier):
 - Read thank you note from Sean Jump regarding VAC help in finding him employment.
 - Motion passed to accept November 2012 minutes.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report (Ed Kurz):
 - Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$9587.54 checking account balance.

➤ **VAC Superintendent's Report:**

- ❖ Ed Dixon:
 - Passed out updated KCVAC board directory.
 - March VACKC activity report submitted, with following attachments: Year to date summary report with monthly statistics.
 - Discussed efforts in obtaining a grant to replace the VAC van.

➤ VAC Committee Reports:

▪ BUDGET COMMITTEE -

- Reviewed 2013 budget expenditures. Reviewed 5 year budget forecast (per request from County Finance Committee.) Reviewed 2014 budget proposal. Made final adjustments to be voted on at the June meeting. Motion passed to finalize the 2014 budget.

- LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - No report.
- IACVAC - Training in Springfield is April 28.

➤ Unfinished Business -

- Implementation of bonding insurance for VAC president and treasurer completed.
- VACKC board and staff training log completed

➤ New Business -

- -Gene White Memorial Scholarship committee met and awarded the scholarship to Rebecah Naumann of Yorkville High School.

➤ Good of the Commission

- Cheryl handed out raffle tickets for each post to sell to raise money for the Honor Flight. The winners get a shopping spree at Art's Supermarket.
- Tom Cross Veterans Advisory Council is hosting a Senior Health Fair on August 6th.
- Newark Legion Post has a dinner open to the public first and third Fridays.
- Yorkville Legion is open every day for lunch.

➤ Closing Prayer - Recited by Frank Kurtz.

➤ Salute the Flag

➤ Adjournment: 8:10 PM

- Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.

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Minutes

Date: 06/5/2013

➤ **Preliminaries:**

- ❖ **Called to Order:** 7:00PM
- ❖ **Prayer:** Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ **Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Jeff Cox
- ❖ **Meeting dedication:** to all American soldiers serving around the world.
- ❖ **Roll Call:**
12 Member Commission Board - Present: 10 Absent: 2 Vacancy: 0 Quorum YES
Absentees: Bob Leonard & John Schwartz
- ❖ **Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:**
 - Jeff Wehrli, VACKC Liaison/Kendall County Board
 - Ed Dixon, VACKC Superintendent.

➤ **Commission Officer's Reports:**

- ❖ **President's Report:** (Jeff Cox)
 - Introduction of Michael Donahue, new Commission Board Member to fill the VietNow vacancy.
 - Report on Gene White scholarship presentation.
 - Letter from Kendall County State's Attorney's office regarding "People v. Douglas Robinson" case closed.
- ❖ **Secretary's Report:** (Norm Meier):
 - Motion passed to accept April 2013 minutes.
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report** (Ed Kurz):
 - Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$9,587.54 checking account balance.

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

- Written Superintendents Report for June was submitted along with the following attachments:
 - Updated VACKC Board Directory.
 - Updated VACKC FY-2013 budget expenditure spreadsheet.
- Discussed the continuing efforts to obtain a grant to cover the purchase of a replacement handicap bus.

VAC Committee Reports:

- BUDGET COMMITTEE - Reviewed, discussed, and passed 2014 initial budget proposal to be sent to County Finance Committee and posted on the County Budget site for all departments.
- County Board Liaisons' Report presented by Jeff Wehrli.

➤ Unfinished Business:

- None

➤ New Business:

- Requested by the County for a list of VACKC memberships and affiliations. Superintendent Dixon will provide that information.

➤ Good of the Commission:

- Workers needed to man American Legion booth at Kendall County Fair August 3 & 4. Contact Ted Simpson.
- Tom Cross Veterans Advisory Council is hosting a Senior Health Fair on August 6th.
- Newark Legion Post has a dinner open to the public first and third Fridays.
- Oswego Post 675 hosting June 16th Father's Day Breakfast.
- Pig Roast fundraiser, June 19th, Plano American Legion Riders.
- Plano Legion Sportsman and Gun Show, July 14.
- Plano Legion Car-Truck-Motorcycle Show, July 21.
- Gun Certification Class, Newark American Legion, August 3 & 4.
- Vietnam Veteran Moving Wall, West Aurora High School, November 7-11.

➤ Closing Prayer - by Frank Kurtz.

➤ Salute the Flag

➤ Adjournment: 8:00pm

- Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.

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Minutes

Date: 09/4/2013

➤ Preliminaries:

- ❖ Called to Order: 7:00PM
- ❖ Prayer: Recited by Jeff Cox
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
- ❖ Meeting dedication: Staff Sgt. Ty Carter, Medal of Honor winner.
- ❖ Roll Call:
12 Member Commission Board - Present: 8 Absent: 4 Vacancy: 0 Quorum YES
Absentees: Frank Kurtz ; Ted Simpson; Mike Marcelain; Sonny Ellen
- ❖ Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:
 - Jeff Wehrli, VACKC Liaison/Kendall County Board
 - Ed Dixon, VACKC Superintendent.

➤ Commission Officer's Reports:

- ❖ President's Report: (Jeff Cox)
 - No Report
- ❖ Secretary's Report: (Norm Meier):
 - Motion passed to accept June 2013 minutes.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report (Ed Kurz):
 - Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$9,837.54 checking account balance.

➤ VAC Superintendent's Report: (Ed Dixon)

- Written Superintendents Report for August was submitted along with the following attachments:
 - Updated VACKC Board Directory.
 - Updated VACKC FY-2013 budget expenditure spreadsheet.
- Discussed efforts in contacting four vendors for costs of replacing the handicap bus.
- Report of Tom Cross Veteran Advisory Board.

VAC Committee Reports:

- BUDGET COMMITTEE - Reviewed, discussed, and passed (by roll call) the 2014 Initial budget, pending the liability and workers compensation insurance costs outcome.
- Discussed the 30% increase from the county for our liability and workers compensation insurance costs.
- County Board Liaisons' Report presented by Jeff Wehrli.

- ELECTION COMMITTEE - President appointed election committee. Election committee nominated current officers to serve in 2014.
- IACVAC REPORT - Ed submitted the 1st Division Report concerning Medicare and Obamacare to pass on the veteran's posts.

➤ Unfinished Business:

- Reviewed Board and Staff Training Log.

➤ New Business:

- Motion passed to continue offering the \$1000 Gene White Memorial Scholarship.
- Jeff Wehrli offered a donation of \$305 to the VAC from the Dana golf outing.
- Ed Kurz questioned a change in the VA's dental benefits.

➤ Good of the Commission:

- Vietnam Veteran Moving Wall, West Aurora High School, November 7-11.

➤ Closing Prayer - by Jeff Cox.

➤ Salute the Flag

➤ Adjournment: 7:58pm

- Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.

BOARD APPROVED

11-6-2013



Veterans Assistance Commission of Kendall County
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Minutes

Date: 011/6/2013

➤ Preliminaries:

- ❖ Called to Order: 7:01PM
- ❖ Prayer: Recited by Frank Kurtz
- ❖ Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Jeff Cox
- ❖ Meeting dedication: All Veterans who have served our country.
- ❖ Roll Call:
12 Member Commission Board - Present: 11 Absent: 1 Vacancy: 0 Quorum YES
Absentees: Mike Donahue
- ❖ Concerned Citizens - Introduction of guests:
 - Jeff Wehrli, VACKC Liaison/Kendall County Board
 - Ed Dixon, VACKC Superintendent
 - Genevieve s. Bond, Family Service Counselor, Lincoln Memorial Park, Aurora

➤ Commission Officer's Reports:

- ❖ President's Report: (Jeff Cox)
 - No Report
- ❖ Secretary's Report: (Norm Meier):
 - Motion passed to accept September, 2013 minutes.
- ❖ Treasurer's Report (Ed Kurz):
 - Motion passed to accept the Treasurer's Report of \$11,255.54 checking account balance, which includes donations from Caterpillar \$1500, UAW \$250, Kendall County Salute to Veterans \$500, Merle V. Schor \$50.

➤ VAC Superintendent's Report: (Ed Dixon)

- Written Superintendents Report for September and October were submitted along with the following attachments:
 - Updated VACKC Board Directory.
 - Updated VACKC FY-2013 budget expenditure spreadsheet.
- Discussed difference in fund balances regarding workers compensation insurance.
- Noted donation of 11 grave plots.
- Presented liability insurance research results.
- Announced that Steve Barrett became the 4th ranked VSO in Illinois based on the volume and accuracy of claims he has submitted.

- The White Memorial Scholarship Application has been distributed to Waubensee CC and all Kendall County High Schools.

VAC Committee Reports:

- BUDGET COMMITTEE -
- County Board Liaisons' Report presented by Jeff Wehrli. Jeff discussed the liability and workers compensation insurance costs in the 2014 budget.
- Reviewed, discussed, and passed (by roll call) the 2014 Budget..
- ELECTION COMMITTEE - Motion to have current 2013 officers to serve in 2014 passed by acclimation.
- IACVAC REPORT - Motion passed to have Steve Barrett as Delegate and Jeff Cox as alternate at IAVAC Conferences in Decatur and Springfield.

➤ Unfinished Business:

- Motion passed for Norm, Jon, Ted, and Jeff to serve on the White Memorial Scholarship Committee.
- Discussed quotes from two vendors (Central States and Midwest) for costs of replacing the handicap bus. Ed and Norm will test drive vehicles. Vote will be made at January meeting.
- Motion passed to give Aldi gift cards to qualifying veterans for the Christmas Holiday. \$100 for single veteran, \$150 for veteran with dependent, \$200 for veteran with 3 or more dependents.

➤ New Business:

- Motion passed to renew 2014 VACKC Domestic Assistance Fixed Rate Chart at same rates as used in 2013.
- Motion passed to set the following 2014 Meeting Dates: Jan. 8, Apr. 2, June 4, Sept. 3, Nov. 5.
- Set Christmas meeting for December 4th potluck dinner, 6pm at Yorkville American Legion.

➤ Good of the Commission:

- The VAC bus was used for transportation to the Vietnam Veteran Moving Wall, West Aurora High School, November 7-11.
- Veteran Medicare PPO insurance seminar, Nov. 25th, 10am, Health Department Building.
- Sat. Dec. 7th, Troop Tree dedication outside Health Department Building.
- Yorkville American Legion has excess medical equipment to give out.
- Oswego American Legion is raffling off a 60" color TV.
- Plano American Legion has a breakfast every 3rd Sunday, 8am - noon.
- Newark American Legion has dinners from 5-7pm, 1st and 3rd Fridays.

➤ Closing Prayer - by Frank Kurtz

➤ Salute the Flag

➤ Adjournment: 8:32pm

➤ Minutes prepared by Norm Meier, VACKC Secretary.