

MINUTES OF THE  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY

4/15/15  
(DATE)

Forrestal Village  
(LOCATION)

The regular meeting for the Veterans Assistance Commission was brought to order by President Norm Arnswald at 10:30 A.M. with 17 members attending

Colors were presented by Delegate Nickerson, Delegate Kozar offered prayer with President Norm Arnswald leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Superintendent Peck announced that a quorum was present

The minutes from the March 2015 meeting were presented to the delegates. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Delegate Patterson and seconded by Delegate Nickerson. A unanimous vote passed the motion

The V.A.C. monthly report for March 2015 was read. A motion to accept the VAC monthly report was made by Delegate Risley and seconded by Delegate Patterson. A unanimous vote passed the motion

Special guest included Sharon Marsh, President of the Women's Auxiliary, VFW Winthrop Harbor

Monthly report mentions were that Mary Ann Kornau Bandurski stated that Com Ed and North Shore Gas had special programs running now. If anyone has any veterans that need assistance to contact our office for the application and directions. Also mentioned was the fact that the VAC was awarded a \$10,000.00 grant for the dental program.

Mary Carmody, Veterans Closet gave a monthly report (See attachment)

Delegate Villarreal mentioned veteran's court was still going strong, mentors always needed.

Superintendent Peck stated that Delegate Ayres had double knee surgery and is recuperating at home. He also mentioned that the next job fair will be held 4/23/15 with 70 employers looking for veterans. Hours will be 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the community center

Delegate Derue stated that SBP DIC will be introduced into congress – more info to follow at a later date. He also stated that Congressman Dold will be holding a round table on 5/11/15.

Superintendent Peck reviewed his report. Kudo's to Sherry Kruse for working with the veteran list on tax exemptions for homeowners.

Superintendent mentioned that the VAC is trying to get a resolution for the state to grant the VAC service officers accreditation. A motion to write a resolution was made by Delegate Early and seconded by delegate Patterson. A unanimous vote passed the motion

Delegate Konz stated that the closet is working out and so is the move to FHCC

There will be a new Patient Advisory lead by Stephanie McCrombie. Al Lynch will be on that committee

A motion to accept the Superintendent Report was made by Delegate Patterson and seconded by Delegate Risley. A unanimous vote passed the motion

Delegate Frangquist stated that on 6/19/15, there will be a Joey Dimock Golf Outing and they are looking for participants and sponsors.

Delegate Gallagher presented checks to the Veterans Closet from the Navy League \$500.00, American Legion \$1000.00 and the VFW, \$1000.00

Delegate Geary stated that American Legion, Wauconda Post 911 will be holding a Casino Night on 5/2/15. The funds made at this event will go to American Legion programs for veterans, youth and the community groups that have obtained a beam from the World Trade Center. Next to our police station and our Veterans Memorial, our community group will erect a 911 Memorial using this beam. On Memorial Day, Monday, Wauconda American Legion with the community's help will again have the largest parade in the area 10:00 am till about 12:00 Noon. After the parade there will be an annual Memorial Day Service at Memorial Park where the parade ends.

Delegate Johnson stated that the American Legion 10<sup>th</sup> district will be holding a dinner in Libertyville on Friday. He also mentioned that on 4/25/15, Lake Zurich American Legion will be hosting a Texas Hold Me

Delegate Marciciak stated that he noted that the Veterans Drop In Center at the FHCC didn't have any American Legion literature to distribute. He will be traveling to Bloomington and will make preparations to bring back literature to disburse. This will be a membership tool for the 10<sup>th</sup> District Posts

Delegate Patterson VFW Post 7448 Winthrop Harbor will be holding a parade for Memorial Day on 5/25/15 on Sheridan Road south to 9<sup>th</sup> west to 38 Acres Park and veteran's memorial to State Street. A memorial service will be held following the parade. He also stated that the first Sunday in May and June, there will be breakfast served – all you can eat.

Delegate Zelent, Deerfield Post 738 stated that they will be hosting a dinner for vets with Karaoke on Monday 4/27/15

Sharon Marsh, VFW Post 7448 Winthrop Harbor. Auxiliary stated they donated \$400.00 to Veterans Closet, Ladies Auxiliary raised \$3078.00 for Veterans Closet. Collaborating with Veterans Closet to increase visits to VA hospital for pie and ice cream socials. In partnership with Veterans Closet for expanding visits to include greenhouses.

Superintendent Peck announced that a Spirit of 45 Festival will be held in Lakewood Forest on 8/16/15 from 10-4 – free food and free entertainment

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting will be held May 20, 2015 starting at 10:30 am

Thank you

Stan Villarreal  
Secretary