

MINUTES OF THE  
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF LAKE COUNTY

5/20/15  
(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 20 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

Mary Carmody of Midwest Veterans Closet (see attached)

The minutes from the April 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 April 2015 was read. Mary Ann Kornau Bandurski again mentioned the two programs for utilities – Com Ed Champ Program and North Shore Gas Share the Warmth Program. Sherry Kruse mentioned we are currently doing emergency dental using the grant we received. A motion to accept the VAC monthly report was made by Delegate Patterson and seconded by Delegate Risley. A unanimous vote passed the motion

Delegate Villarreal announced that the Veterans Treatment Court had 7 graduates which also included one female veteran. Mentor program is still growing and volunteers are still needed. Delegate Villarreal also mentioned that Friday is the annual veterans court summit in Chicago courtesy of Duane Morris LLC

Vice President Konz mentioned that the volunteer hours need to be turned in as soon as possible so they may be counted for the annual governor's report.

Superintendent Peck mentioned that Delegate Ayres is sending out the newsletter from the VAC

Delegate DeRue met with Congressman Dold's round table on 5/11. He also stated that there was a job fair at Golf Mill on 5/27/15 with a Workout for Warriors at Cross Fit Center in Gurnee. On 5/22/15 there was a Suicide Prevention meeting and it was a good meeting

Delegate Nickerson

Delegate DeRue also stated there would be a Defense Approved Bill

Delegate Johnson mentioned that hunting and fishing licenses are available to veterans

Superintendent Peck mentioned that Al Lynch will be co-chairing advisory committee for Lovell. Superintendent Peck will also be on the committee. The committee must be member driven. The committee needs active membership. The next meeting will be held on 7/10/15.

Superintendent Peck mentioned that staff will be attending annual accreditation training in Appleton Wisconsin. Sherry Kruse and Mike Hiley went to Nebraska in April for training so both offices will still be open during the week of 6/1/15 to 6/5/15.

Superintendent Peck reviewed his report = revised date of Congressman Dold's Veterans Advisory Board from May 13<sup>th</sup> to show accurate date of May 11<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that he would be the Emcee at the CLC Foundation Annual Memorial Day Ceremony starting at 12:00 pm. All are invited to attend. A motion to accept the report was made by Delegate Patterson and seconded by Delegate Nickerson a unanimous vote passed the motion.

Delegate Frangquist mentioned Manteno, there is 1 vacant bed. The waiting list is just under one month or more.

Delegate Geary, American Legion, Wauconda Post 911, stated that the post is having its annual Memorial Day Parade – 10:00 am step-off. It lasts about 2 hours and ends at Memorial Park @ 176 and Main. There is a Memorial Service at the park with a guest speaker – a general from Army Reserve – and our high school band. They will have many units in the parade including several Shriners Units, the Navy Color Guard and the Marine Corps League. Post 911 will also have a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day, June 14<sup>th</sup>. They have over 500 American Flags to respectfully dispose of by burning.

Delegate Kozar American Legion Lake Zurich 964 will distribute poppies from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Delegate Patterson mentioned that PLAV post 25 will hold a memorial service on 5/24/15 in the chapel in bldg. 134 at 10:15 am for the patients at FHCC Lovell. Donuts and coffee will be served after the service

Delegate Shebenk, American Legion, Zion-Benton, Post 865, stated that Friday, 5/22/15, post members will put flags on over 1600 gravesites in Zion and Benton townships. Memorial Service will be held at Memorial Park on Sheridan Road on 5/24/15 at 10:00 am.

Delegate Swanson stated that graves will be decorated for Memorial Day

Delegate Villarreal stated that Marine Corps League Post 1395 will participate in the Wauconda Memorial Day Parade on Monday

Delegate Zelent American Legion, Post 738, Deerfield stated that on Monday, a Memorial Service at the Memorial Veteran Monument in Jewitt Park, then a parade to the Deerfield Cemetery, honoring the veterans in that cemetery

Delegate Gallagher mentioned that Grayslake American Legion and VFW will distribute poppies this weekend. American Legion, Grayslake, VFW and Navy League to provide donations. He also mentioned they also made application to all three groups to donate to the "Wheelchair Games".

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Delegate Patterson and seconded by Delegate Risley A unanimous vote passed the motion

Meeting was adjourned

Next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 16, 2015 starting at 10:30 am. There will not be any meetings during the month of July and August as summer hiatus is acknowledged.

Thank you

Stan Villarreal  
Secretary