



Carroll County Veterans Assistance Commission

301 North Main Street – Mount Carroll, Illinois 61053

CCVAC Quarterly Meeting June 15, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM in the Carroll County Courthouse conference room with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Ellis Boughton.

Roll Call

Present were Ellis Boughton, Paul Mayer, Lee Gibbs, Lyle Musselman, Terry Lattin, Mike Raleigh, Wayne Leonard, Joe Drozd, Lamoille Poffenberger, Bill Hanna, Shannon Grove, and Paul Hartman (Carroll County Board).

Posts Present

Savanna VFW, Savanna American Legion, Thomson American Legion, Milledgeville American Legion, Lanark / Mount Carroll VFW, Lanark American Legion, Mount Carroll American Legion

Minutes Approval (Prior)

Motion to approve March 2017 meeting minutes was made by Paul Mayer, seconded by Lyle Musselman, motion carried.

Agenda Approval

Agenda from the previous meeting was not approved at the March 2017 meeting. Approval for both agenda's will be approved with the same motion. The motion to approve both agendas was made by Lee Gibbs, seconded by Paul Mayer, motion carried.

Dave Lawton was absent but made a request through Ellis Boughton to have a copy of the minutes from this meeting mailed to his home address.

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Old Business

- Lawsuit Update
 - Information requested by the lawyer was sent by the April 15th deadline. Data sent was the salaries, hours, and services for ten comparable VACS in Illinois.
 - On April 27th, the lawyer responded that he had received the information but had not had the opportunity to review the data or speak with Scott Brinkmeier.
 - On June 2nd Bill requested an update and has not received any response.
 - Bill requested that a Board member initiate contact with the Lawyer for an update.
- Appointment of Post Delegate and Alternate Representatives
 - All posts have updated their Delegate and Alternates forms.
- VA Transportation
 - 5310 Vehicle Grant has been put on hold for this year due to last minute additional requirements that could not have been completed by due date. The Board will review and reconsider for next year.
 - The Contract for the Madison Van through the Senior Center/Carroll County Transit has been completed and signed with changes.
 - Caregivers can ride for free
 - Public must be allowed to ride if they want to, but we do not have to advertise that they can.
 - Public riders would pay \$25 for the trip and the funds would be deducted from the trip cost.
- Donation Management Update
 - There is \$2000 in the Homeless donation fund, no change from previous meeting.
 - Current proceeds from the steer raffle are sitting at \$8410.56.
 - The price of the steers has not been deducted yet (potentially up to \$3,000.00)
 - If a raffle is needed for next year's Madison transportation cost, posts would need to sign out for their tickets with the understanding that either tickets or money be returned. Numerous tickets were unaccounted for.
- VAC Facebook Page
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- Page is up and running and currently has 35 followers.
- Looking to promote local events by Carroll County VFW/American Legion Posts.
- All Members are encouraged to like and share the page to promote it.
- Veterans Treatment Court update
 - Veterans Treatment Court (VTC) is designed for repeat offenders, not for the first offender. There is not enough Veterans in the County to require a VTC.
 - Lee County (part of our judicial circuit) has applied to be a VTC. Once they are approved we can send our Veterans there, if needed.

New Business

- Genealogy research method for alternate Military documentation (Fold3)
 - Service provides some documentation for military personal that is not available through NPRC. This may prove useful when trying to prove service for those Veterans whose records were lost in the 1973 fire.
 - Motion to try the service for 1 year (at a cost of \$80/year) was made by Joe Drozd. Seconded by Paul Mayer, motion carried.
- Preliminary budget request for 2018 budget year was presented for review.
 - Increases were requested in the following areas:
 - Dues (to continue with Fold3)
 - Salary determined by a reasonable wage based on an average of ten VAC Superintendents, VSO's, and Assistants in IL, no larger than DeKalb.
 - Mileage & Training to provide training for both employees
 - Equipment to upgrade and maintain IACVAC recommended programs for meeting the VA's 2018 digital requirement (\$1,000 initial start-up then \$300 annually to maintain).
 - Ellis requested that a copy of the proposed budget be forwarded to the lawyer for review.
- VAC Meetings Future Locations/Times
 - 2018 board meetings will take place Quarterly, on the 3rd Tuesday of the month in the Courthouse Conference Room at 7:00 p.m. if available.

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- Joe Drozd made a motion to accept the day/time change. Seconded by Mike Raleigh, motion carried.

Report from Superintendent / VSO:

- New quarterly budget and office activity report for the second quarter presented by Bill Hanna.
 - Report has been expanded to reflect the amount of time the staff is spending on each task, compiled monthly and quarterly.
 - Paul Mayer made a motion to accept the new format for the quarterly report. Seconded by Joe Drozd, motion carried.

Public Comments

- Ellis Boughton requested each post to provide numbers for what representation they would have for the Old Settlers Days Parade in Lanark. I.E. who would be marching or riding in the parade. Also reminded them to bring their Post Colors.
- Lee Gibbs let the board know that an account had been set up for the Mayne Family Memorial at the Milledgeville State Bank. Anyone that wishes to donate to assist the widow and family, can be made directly at the bank.
 - Bill gave out the Veterans Crisis Line number (1-800-273-8255) for distribution.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Lyle Musselman, seconded by Joe Drozd, motion carried.

Adjourned at 8:36 pm

Minutes submitted by Shannon Grove
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Minutes reviewed by William Hanna

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