

LaSalle County Veterans Assistance Commission



Meeting Agenda January 23, 2019

- I. Call to Order & Salute to the Colors**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag**
- III. Chaplin's Prayer**
- IV. Roll Call of Officers**
- V. Reading & Approval of the October 2018 Meeting Minutes**
- VI. Public Comment**
- VII. Superintendent's Report**
 - a. Office Activity**
 - b. IACVAC**
- VIII. Old Business**
- IX. New Business**
- X. For the Good of the Commission**
- XI. Closing Prayer**
- XII. Adjournment**

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Meeting Minutes 11/28/2018

Call to Order & Salute to the Colors –

President Scott Buennemeyer called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates & Alternates Present

John Duback – AMVETS, Ottawa – Greg Stock – American Legion, Marseilles - Tom Troutman – VFW, Mendota – Scott Buennemeyer – VFW, Marseilles – Harold Olsen – AMVETS, Mendota - Jim Ebner – American Legion, Oglesby - George Mason – VFW, Ottawa – Bob Patterson – American Legion, Mendota – Chuck Erb – VFW, Marseilles – Howard Gast – American Legion, Earlville – Dave Kennedy – Marine Corps League.

Officers Present

President – Scott Buennemeyer
Vice President – Chuck Erb
Guard – Jim Nanowski - Excused
Chaplin – George Mason

Employees Present

Steven Kreitzer – Superintendent

Reading & Approval of the October 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Harold Olson and seconded by George Mason. Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

- a Office Activity – Steven Kreitzer reported that there were 112 people who visited the office, 13 people for outreach, and 369 phone calls for October. The office has brought in \$77,150.58 for November through the end of 2018 - totaling \$1,147,646.17.
- c. Illinois SB 2306 passed and is now law. This allows veterans to get the property tax relief as soon as the VA makes a decision as long as they own the home as of January 1st.

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Superintendent report was motioned for approval by Jim Ebner and seconded by Bill Luther. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business – Nominations for Elections

President – Scott Buennemeyer was nominated by John Duback

Vice President – Chuck Erb was nominated by Jim Ebner

Guard – Jim Nanowski was nominated by Dave Kennedy

Chaplin – Jim Ebner was nominated by George Mason

There were no other nominations.

Jim Ebner moved that we cast one unanimous ballot for all the positions as they are uncontested. Harold Olson seconded and passed.

New Business – 2019 Meeting Schedule for approval – John Duback made the motion to accept the meeting schedule seconded by Dave Kennedy. Motion passed.

For the Good of the Commission – Steven Kreitzer handed out the criteria for nomination post members to be recognized by the state of Illinois for Volunteer service. This is a great way to boost morale and get recognition for the great things your post is doing.

John Duback thanked everyone for helping with the 24 hour vigil. They had amazing participation in which all hours were covered.

Scott Buennemeyer updated everyone that even though the Streator VFW post home was sold, the post is still active just without a post home.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Duback and seconded by Harold Olsen at 1730.

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Superintendent Report

December Claims Summary

| Total Percentage | Month Submitted | Through | 2019 Amount | Monthly amount | Location |
|------------------|--------------------|---------|---------------|----------------|------------|
| 100% | 6/22/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 55,430.46 | \$ 3,079.47 | South West |
| 50% | 3/2/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 18,748.20 | \$ 937.41 | South West |
| 10% | 1/1/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 2,997.28 | \$ 136.24 | South East |
| 90% | 12/14/2017 | 12/2019 | \$ 50,776.32 | \$ 2,115.68 | North West |
| 70% | 7/31/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 23,703.68 | \$ 1,481.48 | North East |
| Widow's Pension | 3/6/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 23,520.00 | \$ 1,176.00 | North West |
| 60% | 3/14/2017 | 12/2019 | \$ 23,650.40 | \$ 1,182.52 | South East |
| 100% | 5/26/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 56,514.06 | \$ 3,139.67 | North East |
| 80% | 3/22/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 34,385.00 | \$ 1,719.25 | North West |
| 50% | 5/20/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 15,397.38 | \$ 855.41 | South West |
| 30% | 5/20/2017 | 12/2019 | \$ 7,508.70 | \$ 417.15 | North West |
| 100% | 7/18/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 47,581.76 | \$ 2,973.86 | South East |
| DIC Granted | 8/31/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 19,246.65 | \$ 1,283.11 | North East |
| 40% | 4/5/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 11,417.10 | \$ 600.90 | North West |
| 60% | 1/24/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 26,015.44 | \$ 1,182.52 | North West |
| 50% | 2/26/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 17,963.61 | \$ 855.41 | North East |
| 100% | 1/18/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 74,641.44 | \$ 3,245.28 | North West |
| 100% | 7/26/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 46,192.05 | \$ 3,079.47 | North East |
| DIC/Burial | 8/18/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 17,963.54 | \$ 1,283.11 | North West |
| 100%+ L1 | 7/12/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 71,358.45 | \$ 4,757.23 | South West |
| 10% | 1/12/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 2,997.28 | \$ 136.24 | South West |
| 20% | 4/12/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 5,116.70 | \$ 269.30 | South West |
| 90% | 7/3/2018 | 12/2019 | \$ 31,427.85 | \$ 2,095.19 | North West |
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| | | Totals: | \$ 684,553.35 | \$ 38,001.90 | |
| | Year to Date Total | | \$ 684,553.35 | \$ 38,001.90 | |

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| Office Activity November | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--|-----------------|-----|--|
| Office Visits | 112 | | VA Compensation | 34 | |
| Phone | 369 | | VA Healthcare | 14 | |
| Outstation | 13 | | VA Pension | 14 | |
| LaSalle | 3 | | Other | 432 | |
| Mendota | 2 | | Property Taxes | 2 | |
| Streator | 2 | | | | |
| Sandwich | 6 | | | | |
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| Office Activity December | | | | | |
| Office Visits | 76 | | VA Compensation | 23 | |
| Phone | 119 | | VA Healthcare | 5 | |
| Outstation | 11 | | VA Pension | 4 | |
| LaSalle | 2 | | Other | 174 | |
| Mendota | 1 | | Property Taxes | 0 | |
| Streator | 0 | | | | |
| Sandwich | 8 | | | | |

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Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions

- Working to standardizing the Superintendent Reports
- New Association website
- Creating a booklet on how to create a Veterans Assistance Commission so many of the counties that don't have one know how to go about it and their rights under the law.

Bills that died last year that we are working to get them restarted.

- SB 3166 Working to get restarted as it allows Veterans Organizations to have video gaming even if their municipality denies them.
- SB 87 Allows Widows to receive the property tax exemption if the Veteran didn't start it before they passed and or wasn't service connected.