

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
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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.



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 he 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 Adjurn was made by John Duback and seconded by Harold Olsen at 1730.



Superintendent Report

December Claims Summary											
Total Percentage Month Submitted Thro				2019 Amount	Mor	nthly 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				
		Totals:	\$	684,553.35	\$	38,001.90					
	Year to Date 1	Γotal	\$	684,553.35	\$	38,001.90					



	Offic	e 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		
	Offic	ce 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		



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.



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Motion by Nick Nekrosious and seconded by Chuck Erb. Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

- a Office Activity Steven Kreitzer reported that there were 76 people who visited the office, 11 people for outreach, and 119 phone calls for December. The office has brought in \$684,553.35 for December through the end of 2019 totaling \$684.553.35.
- d. IACVAC Gave out sheet explaining the new initiatives and the website created for the State Association.



Superintendent report was motioned for approval by Jim Ebner and seconded by Nick Nekrosious. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

For the Good of the Commission -

John Duback went over that the 4^{th} Wednesday of every month the Hines Mobile Medical team is at the Ottawa American Legion.

Scott Buennemeyer talked about ways to improve the American Legion and the VFW. There was some discussion as to how to go about this.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjurn was made by Nick Nekrosious and seconded by Howard Gast at 1736.



January Claims Summary

Total Percentage	Month Submitted	Through		2019 Amount	Mo	nthly amount	Loca	ition
10%	11/14/2017	12/2019	\$	3,361.20	\$	140.05	South	n East
100%	10/24/2018	12/2019	\$	40,815.71	\$	3,139.67	South	า East
100%	9/17/2018	12/2020		\$46,524.36		\$3,336.15	North \	West
10% with Defferments	7/21/2018	12/2021		\$1,634.88		\$136.24	North \	West
60%	7/31/2017	12/2022		\$25,995.96		\$1,215.86	South I	East
40%	9/10/2018	12/2023		\$10,003.50		\$666.90	South	West
100%	8/13/2018	12/2024		\$49,418.01		\$3,530.47	South \	West
20%	9/5/2018	12/2025		\$4,137.52		\$276.84	South \	West
70%	12/13/2017	12/2026		\$33,021.06		\$1,442.48	Homel	ess
100%	8/31/2018	12/2027		\$53,109.99		\$3,336.15	North I	East
40%	10/11/2018	12/2028		\$11,098.41		\$794.30	South \	West
20%	10/15/2018	12/2029		\$3,868.22		\$276.84	South I	East
Granted DIC	10/29/2018	12/2030		\$27,145.11		\$1,599.13	South I	East
Granted DIC	12/20/2018	12/2031		\$20,747.46		\$1,319.04	South \	West
10%	8/8/2018	12/2032		\$2,229.37		\$140.05	South \	West
Granted DIC	11/1/2018	12/2033		\$22,434.84		\$1,599.13	South '	West
10%	11/13/2018	12/2034		\$1,960.70		\$140.05	North \	West
80%	11/16/2018	12/2035		\$38,501.66		\$1,767.69	North \	West
100%	9/14/2018	12/2036		\$45,457.08		\$3,227.58	North \	West
		Totals:	\$	441,465.04	\$	28,084.62		
	Year to Date 1		\$	1,126,018.39	\$	66,086.52		
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	Offi	ce Activ	vit	y January				
Office Visits	122		V	A Compensation		30		
Phone	207		_	A Healthcare		14		
Outstation	17		VA Pension			16		
LaSalle	3		Ot	ther		286		
Mendota	4		Pr	operty Taxes		25		
Streator	3			-				
Sandwich	7							

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 26, 2019

Secretary Wilkie testifies that VA will accelerate disability benefits claims processing for Purple Heart Medal recipients

WASHINGTON — Today at a congressional hearing VA Secretary Robert Wilkie announced that effective in April, it will provide priority disability benefits claims processing for the initial claims from discharged combat Veterans who have been awarded the Purple Heart Medal.

Secretary Wilkie announced his decision at a hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies.

"Those who hold the Purple Heart, the recognition of wounds taken in battle, will now receive priority consideration when it comes to claims before the Department of Veterans Affairs," said Secretary Wilkie.

The Veterans Benefits Administration will amend its priority processing categories to include initial claims received from Purple Heart recipients on or after April 1, 2019.

Purple Heart recipients are already treated on a priority basis at VA hospitals and are exempt from co-payments for their medical care.

The Purple Heart award is the oldest U.S. military decoration and is awarded to U.S. service members for wounds suffered at the hands of the enemy. General George Washington awarded the first purple-colored heart-shaped badges to soldiers who fought in the Continental Army during the American Revolution. In 1932, it was revived to commemorate Washington's 200th birthday.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 21, 2019

VA's proposed rules for Veteran community care now open for public comment

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the publication beginning tomorrow of a proposed regulation in the <u>Federal Register</u> for the new <u>Veterans community care program, including access standards</u>.

The proposed regulation would establish new rules for the Veterans community care program required by section 101 of the

VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks (MISSION Act) of 2018.

Last month, VA Secretary Robert Wilkie announced its proposed access standards for community care and urgent care provisions that will take effect in June and guide when Veterans can seek care to meet their needs under the MISSION Act – be it with VA or with community providers.

Under the MISSION Act, signed by President Trump in June 2018, there are six different eligibility criteria for community care:

- · Services unavailable
- Residence in a State without a full-service VA medical facility
- 40-mile legacy/grandfathered from the Choice program
- Access standards
- · Best medical interest
- . Needing care from a VA medical service line that VA determines is not providing care that complies with VA's standards for quality

ACCESS STANDARDS

VA is proposing new access standards, effective when the final regulations publish (expected in June 2019), to ensure Veterans have greater choice in receiving care.

Eligibility criteria and final standards as follows were based on VA's analysis of all of the best practices both in government and in the private sector and tailored to the needs of our Veteran patients:

- Access standards will be based on average drive time and appointment wait times.
- For primary care, mental health, and non-institutional extended care services, VA is proposing a 30-minute average drive time standard.
- For specialty care, VA is proposing a 60-minute average drive time standard.
- VA is proposing appointment wait-time standards of 20 days for primary care, mental health care, and non-institutional extended care services, and 28 days for specialty care from the date of request with certain exceptions.

Eligible Veterans who cannot access care within those standards would be able to choose between eligible community providers and care at a VA medical facility.

VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said, "Our medical services must meet our Veterans' needs and reinforce the trust that forms the basis for every interaction with VA. Our new access standards are a vital part of this effort.

"Most Americans can already choose the health care providers that they trust, and President Trump promised that Veterans would be able to do the same. With VA's new access standards, the future of the VA health care system will lie in the hands of Veterans – exactly where it should be."

Secretary Wilkie's full statement from Jan. 28 is available here.

The proposed regulation (RIN 2900-AQ46) is currently available online at https://federalregister.gov/d/2019-03030.

The proposed regulation is scheduled to be published in the Federal Register tomorrow, Feb. 22, and VA encourages the public to provide input on the proposed regulation by March 25, 2019, during the public comment period. For instructions on how to submit a comment, visit the Federal Register website at www.regulations.gov and search for RIN 2900-AQ46.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 19, 2019

VA's Appeals Modernization Act takes effect today

New law streamlines department's current claims and appeals process for Veterans

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced that it has implemented the <u>Veterans Appeals</u> <u>Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017</u>, which was signed into law Aug. 23, 2017, and represents one of the most significant statutory changes to benefit Veterans in decades.

"This is a historic day for VA, its stakeholders and, most importantly, for Veterans and their families," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "The implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act comes as a direct result of collaboration among VA, Congress and Veteran Service Organizations to deliver on Veterans' longstanding desire for reform of the legacy appeals system. Beginning today, Veterans will have greater choice in how VA reviews their disagreement with a VA claims decision and enjoy timely resolutions of disagreements through a streamlined process."

Effective today, Veterans who appeal a VA claims decision have three decision review options:

Higher-Level Review, Supplemental Claim and Appeal to the Board of Veterans' Appeals.

- In the Higher-Level Review option, a more experienced adjudicator will conduct a new review of the previous decision.
- Veterans who select the Supplemental Claim option may submit new and relevant evidence, and VA will assist in developing new
 evidence under its duty to assist.
- If Veterans appeal a decision to the Board, they can choose one of three dockets: direct review, evidence or hearing.

VA's goal is to complete Supplemental Claims and Higher-Level Reviews in an average of 125 days, and decisions appealed to the Board for direct review in an average of 365 days. Under the legacy process, decisions averaged three to seven years.

VA remains committed to reducing significantly the inventory of legacy appeals. VA's fiscal year 2019 budget included funding for 605 additional appeals employees, which VA used to establish two new Decision Review Operations Centers at the St. Petersburg, Florida, and Seattle, Washington, regional offices. The former Appeals Resource Center in Washington, D.C., was converted to a third Decision Review Operations Center.

For more than 18 months, VA has worked toward full implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act, but reform has been a goal for VA and its stakeholders for years. In March 2016, VA sponsored an "Appeals Summit" in which VA, Veterans Service Organizations, Veterans advocates and Congress worked together to design a new appeals system. The summit resulted in the drafting, passage and implementation of the Appeals Modernization Act.

For more information on Appeals Modernization, visit http://www.va.gov/decision-reviews.



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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 13, 2019

VA seeks training providers to ready Veterans for high-tech careers

WASHINGTON — Today the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced it is inviting training providers to participate in a new pilot program to prepare Veterans for careers in the high-tech workforce.

The <u>Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses</u> (VET TEC) program, for which Veterans can apply beginning in April, is designed to give Veterans more options and access to nontraditional training to acquire skills in information technology, computer software, information science, media application, data processing and computer programming fields.

"We are invested in ensuring Veterans make successful transitions into their post-military career," said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. "We are excited to partner with successful training providers who will help pave the way for Veterans seeking meaningful employment in their field of study."

VET TEC training providers will have access to student Veterans who are motivated, hard-working team players. They will operate under an incentivized payment structure designed to ensure Veterans complete their training and land good jobs. The structure includes the following:

- When Veterans begin their courses, VA will pay the training provider 25 percent of tuition and mandatory fees.
- When a Veteran graduates, VA will pay another 25 percent of the tuition and mandatory fees.
- When a Veteran lands a job in his or her area of study and training, VA will pay the last 50 percent of tuition and mandatory fees.

Veterans will receive a monthly housing stipend while in training. This benefit will be modeled after the Post-9/11 GI Bill housing rate.

The <u>VET TEC webpage</u> provides additional requirements and application instructions. VA will review applications from training providers to ensure proposed programs meet VET TEC criteria. Selected training providers will be notified in early spring.

VET TEC is part of the <u>Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017</u>, commonly referred to as the <u>Forever GI Bill</u>. The Forever GI Bill was signed into law Aug. 16, 2017, and further expands GI Bill benefits. For more information on VA education benefits, visit https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/.



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Date	Chamber	Action
2/7/2019	House	To Property Tax Subcommittee

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Synopsis As Introduced

Amends the Property Tax Code. In a Section concerning the homestead exemption for veterans with disabilities, provides that: (1) for taxable years prior to 2015, "surviving spouse" means the surviving spouse of a veteran who obtained the exemption prior to his or her death; (2) for taxable years 2015 through 2018, "surviving spouse" means (A) the surviving spouse of a veteran who obtained the exemption prior to his or her death and (B) the surviving spouse of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year; and (3) for taxable year 2019 and thereafter, "surviving spouse" means (A) the surviving spouse of a veteran who qualified for the exemption prior to his or her death, (B) the surviving spouse of a veteran who was killed in the line of duty in the current taxable year or any preceding taxable year, (C) the surviving spouse of a veteran who did not obtain the exemption before death, but who would have qualified for the exemption if he or she had survived, and (D) the surviving spouse of a veteran whose death was determined to be service-connected who is a current recipient of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation. Effective immediately.

Actions

Date	Chamber	Action
11/30/2018	House	Prefiled with Clerk by Rep. Rita Mayfield
1/9/2019	House	First Reading
1/9/2019	House	Referred to Rules Committee
1/29/2019	House	Assigned to Revenue & Finance Committee
2/4/2019	House	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Mary Edly-Allen
2/4/2019	House	Added Co-Sponsor <u>Rep. Linda Chapa LaVia</u>
2/5/2019	House	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Mark L. Walker
2/5/2019	House Added Chief Co-Sponsor Rep. Sam Yingling	

ļ	2/7/2019	House	To Property Tax Subcommittee Translate Website
İ	2/13/2019	House	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Mike Murphy
	2/14/2019	House	Added Co-Sponsor Rep. Dan Caulkins

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Scheduled Date:

Feb 28, 2019 9:30AM

Location:

Chairperson

Room 118 Capitol Building

Springfield, IL

Posting Date:

Feb 21, 2019 11:47AM

Subject Matter:

SUBJECT MATTER: FY20 Revenue Estimates.

Clerk of the House

John W. Hollman

Bill#	Sponsor	ABR - Short Description	Last Action
<u>HB23</u>	Mary E. Flowers	FINANCIAL TRANSACTION TAX	To Sales, Amusement & Other Taxes Subcommittee
<u>HB28</u>	André Thapedi	HOUSING-WAIVER- UNPAID TAXES	To Property Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB34</u>	Rita Mayfield	PROP TX-SURVIVING SPOUSE	To Property Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB43</u>	Anthony DeLuca	PROP TX-SOUTHLAND PROPERTY	To Property Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB155</u>	Anthony DeLuca	NON-HOME RULE-ROT- RATE	To Sales, Amusement & Other Taxes Subcommittee
<u>HB183</u>	La Shawn K, Ford	PROP TX-VETERANS- WWII	To Property Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB184</u>	La Shawn K. Ford	INC TX-CHECKOFF- MENTAL HEALTH	To Income Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB209</u>	Mary E. Flowers	HOME RULE COMMODITY TAX	To Sales, Amusement & Other Taxes Subcommittee
<u>HB216</u>	Anthony DeLuca	TAX COMPLIANCE FUND- TRANSFER	To Sales, Amusement & Other Taxes Subcommittee
<u>HB227</u>	Thomas M. Bennett	INC TX-INTERNSHIP CREDIT	To Income Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB238</u>	Thomas M. Bennett	ESTATE TAX-EXCLUSION AMOUNT	To Sales, Amusement & Other Taxes Subcommittee
<u>HB250</u>	Lawrence Walsh, Jr.	PROP TX-NOTICE	To Property Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB251</u>	Lawrence Walsh, Jr.	PROP TAX-TAX SALE NOTICE	To Property Tax Subcommittee
<u>HB270</u>	Mike Murphy	LOCAL ROT-SOURCING-	To Sales, Amusement &



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Employees Present

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New Business - None

For the Good of the Commission -

John Duback went over that March 16th from 12-4 they are going to have an open house to celebrate the American Legion turning 100!

Scott Buennemeyer talked about a veteran he served with taking his own life and the 22 a day is a real thing. He also urged everyone to reach out to those around you to check on your battle buddies.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Duback and seconded by Nick Nekrosious at 1725.

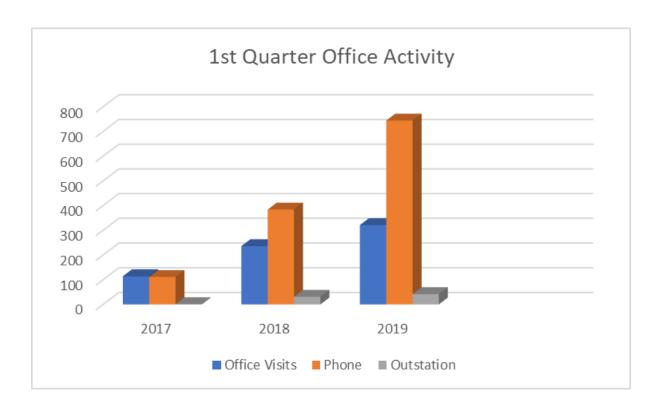


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60%	11/6/2017	12/2019	\$	17,254.40	\$	1,113.86	NW
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20%	10/18/2018	12/2019	\$	4,421.90	\$	276.84	SE
10%	11/29/2018	12/2019	\$	2,100.75	\$	140.05	SW
20%	8/1/16 (NOD)	12/2019	\$	11,605.36	\$	276.84	NE
60%	12/20/2018	12/2019	\$	18,237.90	\$	1,215.86	NW
100%	4/24/2018	12/2019	\$	14,590.32	\$	3,139.67	NE
60%	4/18/2018	12/2019	\$	20,586.88	\$	1,083.52	SW
70%	4/3/2018	12/2019	\$	25,944.12	\$	1,365.48	SW
10%	3/26/2018	12/2019	\$	2,724.80	\$	136.24	NE
10%	4/2/2018	12/2019	\$	2,588.56	\$	136.24	SE
70%	1/10/2018	12/2019	\$	38,224.56	\$	1,737.48	SW
		Totals:	\$	208,918.84	\$	14,214.43	
	Year to Date 1	Γotal	\$	1,334,937.23	\$	80,300.95	
	Offic	e Activ	ity	February			
Office Visits	87		V	A Compensation		25	
Phone	168		٧٨	A Healthcare		7	
Outstation	12		VA Pension			2	
LaSalle	3		Other			233	
Mendota	2		Property Taxes			13	
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Outreach Events

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BECOME A RUCK SPONSOR



ND ANNUAL SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

TWO LEVELS OF SPONSORS

TIER ONE

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Ability to set up your booth at the start
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TIER ONE PLUS
Your logo on the back of
our American-made
T-Shirt

ALL Proceeds go to support Our Patriots Foundation



THE 4TH ANNUAL "TBM REUNION SALUTE TO VETERANS" IS A WHOLE NEW SHOW!! MAKE PLANS NOW FOR MAY 17TH & MAY 18TH!!

AIRCRAFT SCHEDULED TO APPEAR:

10 TBM AVENGER'S
P-51 MUSTANG
F4U-7 CORSAIR
GRUMAN FM-2 WILDCAT

NORTH AMERICAN F-86 SABRE JET

MIG 17 RUSSIAN FIGHTER JET

T-33 JET

6 NORTH AMERICAN T6, HARVARD AND SNJ

BOEING PT-17 STEARMAN

F8F BEARCAT

HELICOPTERS RIDES

RIDES IN THE TBM AVENGER AND T6

https://tbmreunion.org

AND MATT YOUNKIN IN HIS BEECHCRAFT 18 FOR THE FRIDAY NIGHT SHOW (* ALL SUBJECT TO WEATHER)

IF YOU WOULD TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP US PRESENT AN UNFORGETTABLE SHOW, PLEASE CONTACT OUR DIRECTOR OF VOLUNTEERS BRANDY CEJA BRANDYC61330@GMAIL.COM I-815-878-1118

MATT YOUNKIN'S NIGHT AEROBATIC SPECTACULAR!!

Younkin Night Promo 2013

When we promise more excitement, we deliver! Make plans for a terrific Friday NIGHT airshow!!



Meeting Agenda April 24, 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 March 2019 Meeting Minutes
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Superintendent's Report
 - a. Office Activity
 - b. Department of Veterans Affairs Notices
 - c. New database launch April 1st
 - d. Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and Illinois Association of County VAC's partnership.
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. For the Good of the Commission
- XI. Closing Prayer
- XII. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes 03/27/2018

Call to Order & Salute to the Colors -

Chaplin Jim Ebner called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates & Alternates Present

John Duback – AMVETS, Ottawa – Jim Ebner – American Legion, Oglesby – Lance Sires – American Legion, Marseilles – Bill Patterson – Mendota, American Legion – Tom Troutman – VFW, Mendota - Greg Stock - American Legion, Marseilles - Nick Nekrosious - American Legion, LaSalle - George Mason - VFW, Ottawa - Bill Luther - VFW, Ottawa - Harold Olsen - AMVETS, Mendota.

Officers Present

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

Employees Present

Steven Kreitzer – Superintendent

Reading & Approval of the February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Harold Olsen and seconded by Nick Nekrosious. Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

- Office Activity Steven Kreitzer reported that there were 87 people who visited the office, 12 people for outreach, and 168 phone calls for January. The office has brought in \$208918.84 for February through the end of 2019 - totaling \$1,334,937.23.
- b. Went over 1st quarter activity for 2017 to present.
- c. Talked about upcoming events to office is looking forward to being involved in.



Superintendent report was motioned for approval by Jim Ebner and seconded by Chuck Erb. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

For the Good of the Commission -

Harold Olsen went over that they received a check from the Streator Stars and Stripes organization that folded. He also went over a short summary of how the LaSalle Veterans Home is doing. They are receiving very high marks for the quality of care that they are providing. They are making shadow boxes outside each of the veteran's rooms to create a sense of pride for the veterans that are staying there. The Chicago Veterans Home is moving forward in the construction process and the Quincy Veterans Home is getting a new well.

Scott Buennemeyer talked about a veteran he served with taking his own life and the 22 a day is a real thing. He also urged everyone to reach out to those around you to check on your battle buddies.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Harold Olsen and seconded by John Duback at 1737.



Superintendent Report

March Claims Summary

Total Percentage	Month Submitted	Through	2	2019 Amount	Monthly amount	Location
20%	8/16/2018	12/2019		\$4,152.60	\$276.84	SW
100% +SMC	11/27/2018	12/2019		\$62,156.76	\$5,179.73	SW
100%	6/1/2018	12/2019		\$51,971.21	\$3,057.13	NE
		Totals:	\$	118,280.57	\$ 8,513.70	
	Year to Date	Γotal	\$	1,453,217.80	\$ 88,814.65	
	Of	fice Act	ivit	y March		
Office Visits	85		VA	Compensation	30	
Phone	109		VA	Healthcare	13	
Outstation	17		VA	Pension	7	
LaSalle	12		Oth	ner	161	
Streator	2		Pro	perty Taxes	15	
Sandwich	3					

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MONTHLY REPORT

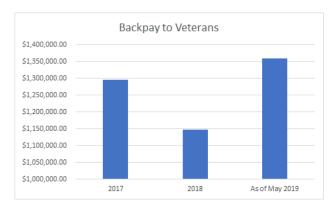


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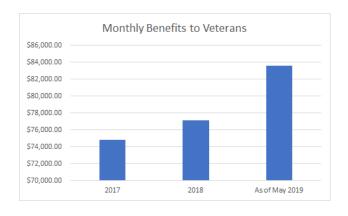
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As the Department of Veterans Affairs continues to process the claims faster the backpay to our veterans may be smaller, but if you look at the monthly benefits they keep going up year after year.



MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



We were recently at the TBM Reunion at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport in Peru, IL and had a great time despite the rain late Saturday afternoon. There were hundreds of veterans with their families in attendance and we had the opportunity to talk with many of them.

April Claims Summary										
Total Percentage Month Submitted Through 2019 Amount Monthly amount										
70%	3/13/2019	12/2019	\$	8,422.26	\$	1,403.71	NE			
		Totals:	\$	8,422.26	\$	1,403.71				
	Year to Date 1	Γotal	\$	1,474,373.80	\$	91,817.78				
	Office Activity April									
Office Visits	82		VA	Compensation		32				
Phone	115		VA	A Healthcare		10				
Outstation	13		VA	Pension		5				
LaSalle	7		Other			163				
Streator	3		Property Taxes			6				
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LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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JUNE 26, 2019

MONTHLY REPORT



PREPARED BY
Steven Kreitzer Superintendent



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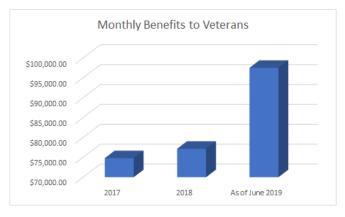
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MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



On Friday June 14, 2019 the Ottawa Elks supported by the Ottawa American Legion Post 33, conducted a Flag Day presentation. Afterwards, pictured above, the kids in the audience came up and thanked the presenters for a job well done.

	IV	lay Clai	ms	Summary			
Total Percentage	Month Submitted	Through		2019 Amount	Mor	nthly amount	Location
50%	1/1/2019	12/2019	\$	9,672.96	\$	879.36	NE
50%	4/30/2019	12/2019	\$	6,155.52	\$	879.36	SE
30%	8/3/2018	12/2019		\$7,713.50		\$428.83	NW
20%	11/19/2018	12/2019		\$6,083.48		\$276.84	NW
70%	11/15/2018	12/2019		\$27,959.51		\$1,403.71	NW
40%	3/18/2019	12/2019		\$8,648.22		\$617.73	SW
60%	11/1/2018	12/2019		\$15,563.70		\$1,113.86	NW
Awarded Pension	3/1/2019	12/2019		\$1,080.00		\$90.00	SE
		Totals:	\$	82,876.89	\$	5,689.69	
	Year to Date	Гotal	\$	1,557,250.69	\$	97,507.47	
	(Office A	cti	vity May			
Office Visits	75		VA	Compensation		27	
Phone	153		VA Healthcare			8	
Outstation	19		VA Pension			4	
LaSalle	12		Other			208	
Streator	2		Pro	operty Taxes		2	
Sandwich	5		Ne	New Profiles		864	Since April 1



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- IX. New Business
- X. For the Good of the Commission
- **XI.** Closing Prayer
- XII. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes 05/22/2019

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

Scott Buennemeyer – VFW, Marseilles - John Duback – AMVETS, Ottawa –Jim Ebner – American Legion, Oglesby –Tom Troutman – VFW, Mendota – Jack Leininger – VFW, Marseilles — Bill Luther – VFW, Ottawa – Harold Olsen – AMVETS, Mendota – Jim Nanowski – American Legion, Ottawa – Andy Ruggerio – VFW District 9 – Nick Nekrosus – American Legion, LaSalle – Bill Patterson – American Legion , Mendota – George Mason – VFW, Ottawa.

Officers Present

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

Employees Present

Steven Kreitzer – Superintendent

Reading & Approval of the March 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Harold Olsen and seconded by Jim Nanowski. Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment – Louanne Carretto – County Board Member – Spoke about the great work the office is doing and just wanted to come out and observe.

Superintendent's Report

- a. Office Activity Steven Kreitzer reported that there were 82 people who visited the office, 13 people for outreach, and 115 phone calls for April. The office has brought in \$8,422.26 for April through the end of 2019 totaling \$1,474,373.80.
- b. TBM Reunion This outreach event was a huge success even with the rain in the afternoon. We will likely participate in this event again next year.



c. Blue Water Navy bill has passed the House and is on to the Senate for approval.

Superintendent report was motioned for approval by Jim Ebner and seconded by Nick Nekrosius. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business – None

For the Good of the Commission -

Andy Ruggerio stated that Ladd does Taps the 11th day of the 11th hour every month if anyone was able to attend.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by Bill Luther and seconded by George Mason at 1734.

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THE VA MISSION ACT GIVES VETERANS HEALTH CARE OPTIONS.

MISSION ACT UPDATE FOR RURAL VETERANS

HINES TOWN HALL June 28, 2019

COME OUT FOR AN INFORMATIVE SESSION WITH HINES VA REPRESENTATIVES:

LASALLE VFW 2325 DONAHUE ST, LASALLE, IL 61301

FROM 5:00PM-8:00PM

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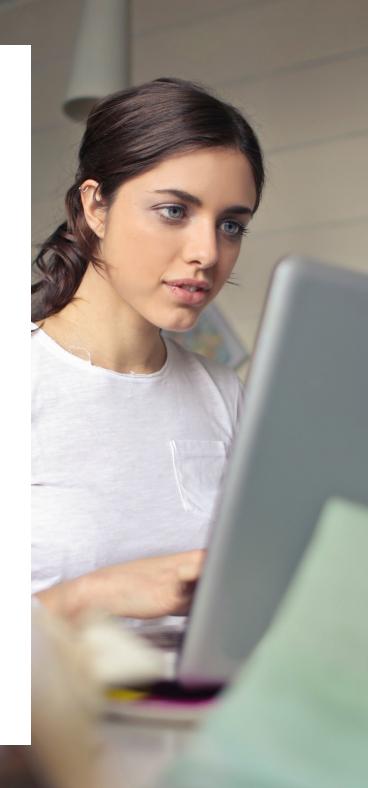
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7/24/2019 5PM

LASALLE COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

119 W MADISON ST OTTAWA, IL 61350



JULY 24, 2019

MONTHLY REPORT



PREPARED BY
Steven Kreitzer Superintendent



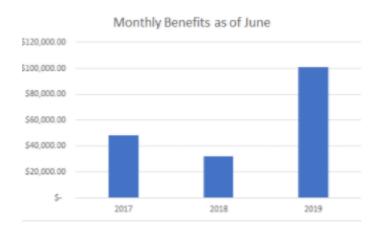
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50%	4/4/2019	12/2019		\$12,311.04		\$879.36	NE
40%	3/8/2019	12/2019		\$10,285.95		\$685.73	SW
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		Office A	ctiv	vity June			
Office Visits	81		VA Compensation			26	
Phone	654		VA Healthcare			12	
Outstation	23		VA Pension			7	
LaSalle	16		Other			713	
Streator	3		Property Taxes			5	
Sandwich	4						





MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



On Friday June 28, 2019 the Hines VA Leadership held a Town Hall at the LaSalle VFW about the Mission Act and how it affects rural veterans. Currently, there are no providers signed up under this program in LaSalle County, but providers met with the Hines Leadership team before the veteran focused Town Hall to hopefully start getting their physicians signed up.



THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

The first monthly outreach effort of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (IDVA) to our office, was in July, and proved to be productive. The representative was able to provide hunting and fishing licenses and/or add Veteran to their drivers license. We hope this will be the beginning of many partnerships with the IDVA.



LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

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HR Bill 299 was signed into law on 6/25/2019. However this law will not be implemented until January 1, 2020. Due to the implementation date we expect that currently filed Blue Water Navy claims will likely not be decided until January 2020 or later, but this should not postpone filing the claim now.

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- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. For the Good of the Commission
- **XI.** Closing Prayer
- XII. Adjournment



Meeting Minutes 6/26/2019

Call to Order & Salute to the Colors -

Vice President Chuck Erb called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates & Alternates Present

Chuck Erb – VFW, Marseilles - John Duback – AMVETS, Ottawa –Jim Ebner – American Legion, Oglesby –Tom Troutman – VFW, Mendota – Jack Leininger – VFW, Marseilles — Bill Luther – VFW, Ottawa – Harold Olsen – AMVETS, Mendota –Andy Ruggerio – VFW District 9 – Nick Nekrosus – American Legion, LaSalle – Bill Patterson – American Legion , Mendota – George Mason – VFW, Ottawa - Bob Riley – AMVETS, Ottawa – Lance Sires - American Legion, Marseilles

Officers Present

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Employees Present

Steven Kreitzer – Superintendent

Reading & Approval of the May 2019 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Harold Olsen and seconded by Jim Nanowski. Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment

Superintendent's Report

- a. Office Activity Steven Kreitzer reported that there were 75 people who visited the office, 19 people for outreach, and 153 phone calls for May. The office has brought in \$82,876.89 for May through the end of 2019 totaling \$1,557,250.69.
- b. Town Hall Hines VA Leadership are going to be coming out to talk about and hear concerns on the Mission Act 6/28/2019.



c. Blue Water Navy bill has passed and waiting on Presidential Approval.

Superintendent report was motioned for approval by Lance Sires and seconded by Nick Nekrosius. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business – Scott Buennemeyer has resigned from the President position and was concluded that Chuck Erb would fill into the position till the elections in November.

For the Good of the Commission -

Bill Luther commented that DAV is still looking for volunteer drivers if anyone is interested.

Jack Leininger commented that Martin Rue isn't doing very well and has kidney failure. He asked that everyone keep him in our thoughts and prayers. A card was sent around and mailed to his residence.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn was made by John Duback and seconded by Andy Ruggerio at 1728.