

VAC Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Kellenberger. Secretary Roach called the roll with 14 present, 4 absent and 4 guests. President Kellenberger led the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed our guests Bob Sneed, Rick Robins, Cpt. Greg Nimmo (Montgomery County EMA) and Jason Keller from Team Rubicon. A motion was made by Rick Copple to accept the minutes of the last meeting, seconded by Bill Cope and the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is in good shape. As of 1/31/2017 we have \$240,763.83. A motion to accept this report was made by Lewis Lewey, seconded by Rick Copple and the motion carried.

Superintendent's Report: Superintendent Strowmatt attended the county board meeting. He participated in Representative Bourne's Veterans Advisory Board. This board passed Senate Bill 87. He accepted the Sertoma contribution for Honor Flight in the amount of \$500.00. He attended the IACVAC winter conference. He had 85 referrals, 83 client contacts, 128 phone contacts. There were 4 equipment loans. Claims paid total for the month, 2 for transportation for \$39.12, 3 claims for food for \$202.25, the total being \$541.37. Assistance with forms and applications were 73, 19 new clients, and cell phones collected for Cell Phones for Soldiers were 42, donated by either the elementary school or the jr. high school in Gillispie. A motion to accept this report was made by Carl Rhodes, seconded by Joe Cerny and the motion carried.

Committee Reports: NONE

Old Business: Invitation to appoint delegates and alternates resulted in 2 new delegates, Paul McCario from Panama and Bob Buda from the Marine Corps League Detachment. The IACVAC winter meeting was held February 9 through February 11, 2017 in Peoria, IL. Senate Bill 872, regarding property tax didn't pass. House Bill 1789 was opposed. House Bill 360 had the amount reduced. Senate Bill 1242 was opposed.

New Business: The Finance committee meetings will be held April 7, 2017 and April 25, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

General Discussion: April 1, 2017 will be the marking of 50 years since the beginning of the Vietnam War. It will be held at the First Baptist Church in Litchfield beginning at 10:00 a.m. It is open to all vets. On Saturday, April 22, 2017 the Mobile Vet Center will be at the Litchfield Legion Hall 436. The next executive commission will be April 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at the joint conference room. The next full commission meeting will be June 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the joint conference room. Motion to adjourn, Bill Cope.

Secretary

Fred Roach