



**CHAMPAIGN COUNTY**  
**VETERAN'S ASSISTANCE COMMISSION MINUTES**

Tuesday February 16, 2016 – 6:00p.m.

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**Board Members Present:** John Maggio, Larry Soliday, Ron DuFrane, Ray Elliott, Brad Gould, Jim Ellis, Gary Massey, Sandy Hubert

**Board Members Absent:**

**Members Present:** Jim Forman, Steve Barkley,

**County Board Members Present:**

**Call to Order**

Maggio called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

President, John Maggio, Vice President Larry Soliday, Treasurer, Ron DuFrane, Judge Advocate, Ray Elliott, Delegate @ Large, Gary Massey, Delegate @ Large, Jim Ellis, Superintendent, Brad Gould and Sandy Hubert, Secretary, were present.

**Approval of minutes**

**MOTION** by Massey to approve the November 17, 2015 meeting minutes; seconded by DuFrane. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Approval of Agenda**

**MOTION** by DuFrane to approve the agenda; seconded by Ellis. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

**Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent's Report was read and distributed. **MOTION** by Hubert to approve the report; seconded by Ellis. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

Superintendent Gould discussed to make changes in the financial assistance program due to problems on February 1, 2016. He suggested to make the process change to a call-in procedure. The first 30 veterans to call-in at the beginning of each month will receive assistance. An additional three spots will be held for first veterans seeking assistance. **MOTION** by Forman to approve the changes; seconded by Ellis. **Motion carried with unanimous support.**

A letter with program changes will be sent to all veterans that have used the program. Email of the programs changes will be sent to VAC members.

Superintendent Gould attended his regular training with the VA and attended the quarterly IACVAC meeting

### **Public Participation**

Matthew Malec and Sabr Abdullah spoke in support of the changes to financial procedures of the Veterans Assistance Commission program.

### **New Business**

### **Other Business**

### **Good of the Commission**

Superintendent Gould reported that there are firms passing themselves off as veteran service offices. They take 10% from the veteran's claim. He asked all the members to spread the word that the VAC does this free of charge.

Superintendent Gould discussed the military services looking into veterans released from active duty without looking at PTSD being the cause. More information to follow.

Ray Elliott discussed the upcoming 5K to support the Illinois Student Veterans. He also discussed the possibility of wounded warrior being a disparaging statement.

Next meeting will then be May 17, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Hubert  
Secretary

Approved 5/17/2016