

**VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION
OF SANGAMON COUNTY**

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The Quarterly Meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Sangamon County was called to order by VAC Chairman Joe Fleming.

A Salute to the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the invocation.

Roll call by Vice Chairman Rick Huckaby showed fourteen alternates and delegates present.

A motion was made by dispense the reading of the minutes; motion was seconded and passed.

Superintendent Kimberly Banister-Fuiten gave a detailed Quarterly Report from April 20, 2017 - present day. Motion made to approve Quarterly report and seconded; motion passed.

Old Business: Kimberly discussed Veterans Treatment Court that will be starting *tentatively January 1, 2018* to be in accordance with new regulations. Send veterans to VAC of Sangamon County for help if involved in the courts. VTC is a specialized criminal court docket for veterans who have mental health disorders and/or substance abuse issues. They focus on rehabilitation; they provide drug treatment, job training, education assistance, mental health counseling and other services through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (USDVA) and other social service agencies. Illinois enacted the Veterans and Service members Court Treatment Act in 2010. Spread word to your post about the program.

Discussion on new service connected disabled plates for veterans who are receiving 50% disability or more. Must have letter from Federal Department of Veterans Affairs. Apply at Howlett Building at 2nd and Edwards for the "I Served" Plates.

Property Tax letters need to be submitted new every year. Kimberly can get the letter for you but you still need to complete the PTAX form from the assessor's office.

Camp Lejeune claims for exposure to toxins in water are being processed from ONE regional office and are being completed faster. Please have veterans contact Kimberly if they would like to file this claim.

New Business:

Kimberly is currently interviewing to fill the position of "Clerk".

Kimberly discussed needing more volunteer drivers.

Next meeting will be October 18 @ 1900 at Navy Club. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM with Retrieval of Colors and Benediction.

Kimberly Banister, Superintendent