

CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD (CCVAB) MEETING MINUTES

Prepared and Submitted by Wilbert Jordan, Secretary

2:21 PM Tuesday, March 27, 2018

VFW Post 6330, 732 Veterans Parkway, Jonesboro, GA. 30238

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order, by Chairman of the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board (CCVAB), Clarence Burnough, at 2:21 P.M.
- II. Roll Call: CCVAB Secretary, Wilbert Jordan, called the roll. Present: Wilbert Jordan, Kenneth Gilmore, Preston McGee, Jr., Clarence Burnough and Paul Winfrey; Absent: Leonard Morgan.
- III. Minutes from February 27, 2018: Minutes were read by Secretary Wilbert Jordan. Preston McGee made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Paul Winfrey seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
 - 1) Community Stakeholders Veterans Support Group: Followup Planning – We discussed the role that Herbert Ward would play as the key stakeholder. Herbert Ward is a Georgia Department of Veterans Services Field Officer. Each Board member verbally submitted the names of the organizations that would be sending representatives to participate. Chairman Burnough gave an oral outline of the timeframe each participant would have to present information. The Stakeholders Support Group meeting will be in a Roundtable format. Chairman Burnough informed us that District Attorney Tracy Graham Lawson will not be able to attend. The Clayton County District Attorney's Office will be represented by an Assistant District Attorney. Clayton County Library will send its Financial Literacy Coordinator. Other agencies and organizations that have committed to participate include the following: Magistrate Court, Hearts To Nourish Hope, Visions Outreach and Unity Foundation.
 - 2) Grants: Tabled discussion – to be discussed at the Stakeholders meeting on Fri., Mar. 30, 2018.
 - 3) Employment for Veterans: Kenneth Gilmore said he will work on putting the job prospects in a format that he can submit to the Commissioners to put on the County television station. He will begin submitting this information to the Board Secretary, Wilbert Jordan, in April. Mr. Jordan will submit this information to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners Clerk, Sandra Davis.
 - 4) Release of Incarcerated Veterans: Discuss at Stakeholders meeting on March 30, 2018 – How organizations can work together to get assistance to help integrate released veterans back into the community, with jobs, housing, transportation.
- V. New Business: Chairman Burnough brought up upcoming events:
 - 1) VetFest – Health Fair, Car Show , Benefit Assistance: tentative dates: Aug. 25th, Sept. 8th, or 9th. Sponsored by Visions Outreach
 - 2) Veteran Breakfast: Visions Outreach will host this event at the Riverdale Towne Center, Nov. 10th. Vietnam era veterans, who did not receive Gov. Deal's certificate, will receive them.
 - 3) Breakfast for Veterans and their families, hosted by Visions Outreach, at Dave and Busters, in Gwinnett County, on Dec. 22nd
 - 4) Breakfast for Stakeholders meeting: Chairman Burnough volunteered to provide coffee, donuts and juice
 - 5) Bonding Classes for ex-offenders: Kenneth Gilmore said that there is a Federal Bonding Program which provides classes every Thursday at 2:00 P.M. Upon completion, the ex-offender receives a certificate to give to an employer, stating that the Federal government will pay to bond the ex-offender. Paul Winfrey said he is aware of this program. Mr. Gilmore will bring more details to our next meeting.
 - 6) Kenneth Gilmore said the CCVAB needs to compile a list of businesses, operating in Clayton County, that give hiring priority to veterans.
 - 7) Invite Veterans Affairs Advisory Board of DeKalb County: Wilbert Jordan said it would be a good idea to invite a representative to come and give us advice on how we should run a

successful advisory board that would have an impact on the veterans in our community. What have they done that was successful (and not so successful) in working with their Board of Commissioners.

- VI. Next meeting: We will hold our next meeting at the Jonesboro VFW Post 6330, located at 732 Veterans Parkway, Jonesboro, GA. 30238. Chairman Clarence Burnough set the meeting time for 2:00 PM on Tues., Apr. 24, 2018. Chairman Burnough asked Wilbert Jordan to again coordinate the meeting with the Post. Mr. Jordan agreed.
- VII. Other Business: There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Burnough called for a motion to adjourn. Paul Winfrey made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Preston McGee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. Adjournment: The Clayton County Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of Mar. 27, 2018 was adjourned at 4:03 P.M.