

# CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Prepared and Submitted by Mr. Wilbert Jordan, Secretary

2:17 pm Monday, May 15, 2017

VFW Post 6330

732 Veterans Parkway

Jonesboro, GA. 30238

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board (CCVAB), Clarence O. Burnough, at 2:17 P.M.
- II. Roll Call: CCVAB Secretary, Wilbert Jordan, called the roll.  
Present: Wilbert Jordan, Clarence O. Burnough, Kenneth Gilmore, Preston McGee, Jr.  
Absent: Paul Winfrey (excused), Leonard Morgan.
- III. Minutes from April 10, 2017 meeting: Minutes were read by Secretary Wilbert Jordan. There were no corrections. Kenneth Gilmore made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Preston McGee, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
  - 1) Allow Clayton County veterans to use Clayton County Recreation Centers free of charge. Chairman Burnough attempted to followed up with Mr. Hodges, Director of Parks and Rec. There still is no new information to report.
  - 2) Veterans Court: Wilbert Jordan asked Superior Court Judge Aaron Mason if the Superior Court judges would set up a Veterans Court. Judge Mason told Mr. Jordan that Superior Court Judge Robert Mack, a retired USA officer, is looking into setting up a Veterans Court. Judge Mason agreed to keep the CCVAB informed about the progress.
  - 3) Meeting Location: Chairman Burnough made a motion that we alternate our meetings between VFW Post 6330 Jonesboro and the Board Room at 112 Smith Street, Jonesboro until the American Legion Post 258 Jonesboro is available; at which time, the meetings will rotate between the three locations. Preston McGee, Jr. seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 4) Hosting meetings with veterans to get feedback on veterans' needs: Chairman is looking into community locations that will be available, in the Fall.
  - 5) Veterans Summit and Health Fair: Tabled until Leonard Morgan is available to give a presentation of more concrete plans.

- V. New Business: 1) New Veterans support group is coming to Clayton County, called Action Ministry: One of their programs is geared to homeless veterans or veterans at risk for homelessness.
- 2) Army Museum: Kenneth Gilmore visited the museum. The people informed him that they wanted to work with the veterans, show them the helicopters that were used during the Vietnam War; and offer helicopter rides. The museum is located at the old Clayton County Airfield. He wants the information passed onto veterans in the area. Chairman Burnough said he would go and check it out.
- 3) Veterans Disability: Wilbert Jordan informed the Board that veterans who are collecting VA Disability need to visit VA annually (at a minimum) to keep their disability in effect. Veterans are at risk of losing their disability benefits, when they fail to visit VA on a regular basis.
- 4) State Labor Department has special jobs for veterans: Kenneth Gilmore said that veterans need to contact their local Dept. of Labor Office to apply for available jobs.

VI. Next meeting: We will hold our next meeting at the Jonesboro VFW Post 6330, located at 732 Veterans Parkway, Jonesboro, GA. 30238. Chairman Burnough set the meeting time for 2:00 PM on Tuesday, June 13, 2017. Chairman Burnough asked Wilbert Jordan to again coordinate the meeting with the Post. Mr. Jordan agreed.

VII. Other Business: Wilbert Jordan said a prayer. There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Burnough called for a motion to adjourn.

VIII. Adjournment: Motion was made by Wilbert Jordan and seconded by Preston McGee, Jr. to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Clayton County Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of May 15, 2017 was adjourned at 3:30 PM