

# CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD (CCVAB) MEETING MINUTES

Prepared and Submitted by Wilbert Jordan, Secretary

2:36 PM Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order, telephonically, by Chairman of the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board (CCVAB), Clarence Burnough, at 2:36 P.M.
- II. Roll Call: CCVAB Secretary, Wilbert Jordan, called the roll.  
Present: Wilbert Jordan, Paul Winfrey, Kenneth Gilmore and Preston McGee, Jr., Clarence Burnough (telephonically); Absent: Leonard Morgan
- III. Minutes from September 25, 2017 Special meeting: Minutes were read by Secretary Wilbert Jordan. Preston McGee, Jr. made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Kenneth Gilmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
  - 1) Veterans Court: No new information.
  - 2) Gold Star Fathers Program: Chairman Clarence Burnough said they are still on track for Thurs., Nov. 9, 2017. They currently have 50 Gold Star Fathers who will be recognized by Governor Nathan Deal; and have lunch with the Governor and the State legislators. State Rep. Rhonda Burnough is spearheading this Program. The public is invited to attend the Recognition Ceremony.
  - 3) Clayton County Senior Services Department - Senior Citizens Program for Veterans: CCVAB members will be working with Director Tori Strawter Tanks at the Senior Citizen Centers to assist senior veterans with claims.
  - 4) Veterans of Georgia in Film and TV (VGIFT): Director of AVA wants Kenneth Gilmore to get VFW Post 6330 to allow them to train veterans at its facility, without cost. Since she plans to charge the veterans for this training, VFW Post 6330 cannot let her use the Post without paying a fee.
  - 5) Accountability: Chairman Jeff Turner told Wilbert Jordan that the County website is down.
  - 6) Mundy's Mill High School: Kenneth Gilmore and Preston McGee attended the school's Homecoming and spoke to veterans, students and members of the community about the military and veteran issues.
- V. New Business:
  - 1) Vet Fest Breakfast: Vet-Fest, Inc. will host its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Breakfast and Awards Ceremony for veterans on Sat., Nov. 4, 2017, from 8:00 to 11:00 A.M., at Riverdale Town Center, 7210 Church Street, Riverdale, GA. 30274. The Governor's Certificate of Honor will be presented to veterans who served between 1955 and 1975, for their service and sacrifice to our country.
  - 2) Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6330 along with other veterans service organizations, Clayton County Schools, Clayton County government agencies will hold its Second Annual Veterans Day Program to honor our veterans and their families. This Program will be held on Veterans Day, Sat., Nov. 11, 2017, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:45 P.M., at VFW Post 6330, 732 Veterans Parkway, Jonesboro, GA. 30238. Lunch will be served following the Program. Awards will be presented to the First, Second, Third Place winners of our Art Contest and our Essay Contest. The theme for both Contests is "Why Veterans Are Special". The Art Contest was open to Grades K – 5; the Essay Contest was open to Grades 6 – 12.
  - 3) County Veterans Service Center: Kenneth Gilmore suggested that the Board of Commissioners set up a County Veterans Service Center, that will have an employee or volunteer who will coordinate with GA. Dept. of Veterans Services and the Federal Dept. of Veterans Affairs. Many counties in GA. have such a Center. This is needed because Clayton County has a large veteran population. This individual will work with claims and benefits for veterans and their families.
  - 4) County Commissioners: Kenneth Gilmore made a motion that we invite Commission Chairman Jeff Turner to our next meeting to discuss veteran issues that affect the veterans in Clayton County and how the

Commissioners can implement programs that will benefit the veterans of Clayton County. Preston McGhee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

- 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., Nov. 14, 2017. 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. Wilbert Jordan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Preston McGhee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. Adjournment: The Clayton County Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of Oct. 17, 2017 was adjourned at 3:46 P.M.