

# CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD (CCVAB) MEETING MINUTES

Prepared and Submitted by Wilbert Jordan, Secretary

2:15 PM Tuesday, February 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 2:15 P.M.
- II. Roll Call: CCVAB Secretary, Wilbert Jordan, called the roll. Present: Wilbert Jordan, Kenneth Gilmore, Preston McGee, Jr., Clarence Burnough, Paul Winfrey and Leonard Morgan.
- III. Minutes from January 27, 2018: Minutes were read by Secretary Wilbert Jordan. Paul Winfrey made a motion to accept the minutes as read. Preston McGee seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
  - 1) Community Stakeholders Veterans Support Group: Followup Planning – Kenneth Gilmore has been in contact with Herbert Ward, Georgia Department of Veterans Services Field Officer. Mr. Ward said he will gladly take part. He will need and email with the time of the program and the amount of time he will have to speak. Because Mr. Ward has the latest information pertaining to benefits and services for veterans, we will give him the lion's share of the two-hour program. Other Board members were asked to submit their lists of presenters. Kenneth Gilmore reported that Hearts to Nourish Hope wants to participate. Chairman Burnough will submit his list, with time slots for his presenters.
  - 2) Clayton County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Burnough reported that the Commissioners voted to allow veterans who are seniors to use the Recreation and Senior Centers without cost.
  - 3) A more visible role for the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board in the community to reach all veterans: Leonard Morgan said that there are grants being offered by the US Department of Veterans Affairs for programs that support veterans. These grants are open to local governments. Leonard Morgan made a motion that Clayton County pursue grants that would fund programs for veterans. Kenneth Gilmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
  - 4) ) 2) 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.
- V. New Business:
  - 1) Veterans Events: Leonard Morgan said Visions Outreach will host an event to distribute Governor Deal's certificates to Vietnam-era veterans, sometime in November.
  - 2) Health Fair and Breakfast: Visions Outreach will host this event at the Riverdale Towne Center, the week of Veterans Day. Breakfast will be free for veterans.
  - 3) Kenneth Gilmore wants to know what Clayton County is willing to do for veterans. CCVAB will ask each stakeholder what they are willing to do for veterans.
  - 4) Release of Incarcerated Veterans: Paul Winfrey wants the CCVAB to ask the Clayton County Board of Commissioners to address the following issues: Why doesn't Clayton County make constructive use of the time veterans are incarcerated? Why aren't they being taught and trained to do skills that will allow them to be gainfully employed? Why not train them to work on the vacant houses and hotels so they can have places to live? We don't want them to just be released to the streets; with no place to go and no money! This is not fair to them and not fair to the citizens of Clayton County!
- 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., Mar. 27, 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. Preston McGhee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Leonard Morgan seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- VIII. Adjournment: The Clayton County Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of Feb. 27, 2018 was adjourned at 3:32 P.M.

**CORRECTION:**

Old Business: 2) Clayton County Board of Commissioners: Chairman Burnough reported that the Commissioners passed the Veteran Discounts Initiative, in collaboration with Parks and Recreation. Discounts will be offered on membership, classes, meals and dances. This information was received from the Clayton County Senior Services Department Veterans Program Meeting (Feb. 22, 2018) notes.