

# MINUTES

## Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County

The November 2015 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was called to order by Chairman Kelm on December 21, 2015 at 5:00 pm.

All Executive Committee members were present.

Secretary's reading of the Minutes was approved on motion by Marilyn Riske and second by Les Richter.

### Public Comment:

- None

### Reports by the President:

- None

### Committee Reports:

- None

### Superintendent's Report:

- Reported that VAC staff participated in a total of 8 different events on Veterans Day
- Reported that 50 Christmas food baskets donated by an anonymous donor augmented with a \$75 Pacemaker gift card provided by the VAC had been distributed to needy veterans
- Sent 150 Christmas cards as part of outreach program
- Received over \$900 and a substantial quantity of food stuffs from the Belvidere Police Dept. for distribution to needy veterans
- Participated in Rockford Stand-down
- Reported the approval of the first VACBC benefit claim resulting in \$40,000 retroactive benefit plus continuing life time benefits
- Discussed in depth three special cases including a homeless veteran in Belvidere and a homeless veteran in Caledonia
- Submitted October and November VACBC "Monthly Veterans Assistance Status Report"
- Submitted October and November VAC monthly "Operations Report"

### Old Business:

- None

### New Business:

- None

### General Discussion:

- Discussed the recent events at the Winnebago County VAC and the lessons to be learned

The next meeting will be held March 21, 2016 at 5:00 pm at VAC offices at 130 South State St., Ste 212, Belvidere, IL

On motion by Les Richter and second by Kieth Bodey the November 2015 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County was adjourned at 5:55 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jess Strebin', written over two horizontal lines.

Jess Strebin  
Secretary