



MEETING MINUTES – 10/25/2023
Veterans Assistance Commission of Macon County, Inc.

1. **CALLED TO ORDER** – At 17:30 on 25 Oct 2023 William Hanes
2. **PLEDGE TO FLAG** led by Greg Collins
3. **ROLL CALL** – Quorum Present 7 Post

Officers in Attendance

President Bill Hanes
Vice President Richard Cairns
Sergeant-At-Arm Ivery Chambliss
Chaplain Bob Rutherford
Superintendent Greg Collins

Post in Attendance

AL #72 Jim Gould, Bob Rutherford
AL #105 Alan Jackson, William Hanes
AL #660 James Keith
AL #1972 Charles Loury, Carnell Bond,
Chaplain DL Humphrey
VFW# 99 Richard Cairns, Bill Peveler
VFW #730 Ivery Chambliss
MCL #799 Bob Tyler, Tommy Scroggins

4. **RECOGNIZE NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS OR GUESTS**

County Board Edward Yoder

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 26 April 2023**

Amended to Change Guest Edward Yoder to County Board and approve
Motion James Keith 2nd Ivery Chambliss All Present approved

6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT / Treasurer Report**

A) Superintendent Report Attached
B) Treasurer not in attendance

8. **POST DELEGATES REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES/CHARITY ACTIVITIES**

A) Post #72 Breakfast 11-4-2023 for Veterans at post in Macon, IL

9. **HONOR GUARD REPORT**

Honor Guard Report Attached

10. OLD BUSINESS

None to be Discussed

11. NEW BUSINESS

None to be Discussed

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None at this Meeting

13. PRAYERS - CHAPLAIN

14. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion Charles Loury 2nd James Keith 18:09 10/25/2023

NEXT MEETING --- WEDNESDAY, 01/31/2024 RM 514 5:30 P.M.



Agenda - 25 October 2023

Veterans Assistance Commission of Macon County, Inc.

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Pledge to the Flag**
- 3. Prayer - Chaplain**
- 4. Roll Call of Delegates**
- 5. Recognize new Commission members or guests:**
- 6. Approval of the minutes for July 26, 2023 meeting**
- 7. Superintendents/Treasurers Reports**
- 8. Post Delegates Reports & Activities and Charity Announcements**
- 9. Honor Guard Report**
- 10. Old Business:**
 - A) Select 501C3 Leadership Team
 - B) County Budget - discussion and vote (roll call)
- 11. New Business:**
- 12. Good Of Organization /Announcements**
- 13. Prayer - Chaplain**
- 14. Closed Session: If Needed**
- 15. Adjournment**



SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF MACON COUNTY 10/25/2023

TREASURERS CD – \$515,861.99 (+15,861) VAC MONEY MKT \$91,595.16 (+1,592.16)
DAILY OPERATING FUND \$140,689.60 (\$170.35)

DAV VAN: 122 TRIPS CARRIED 247 PASSENGERS TRIPS TRAVELED 21,960 MILES

VAC VAN: 108 TRIPS 51 LOCAL

NACVSO 2023 CLAIMS REPRESENTATION

- ✓ 558 CLAIMS SUBMITTALS TO THE VA
- ✓ \$1,098,806.84 IN BACKPAY FY 2023
- ✓ \$2,048,365.44 IN NEW YEARLY BENEFITS FY 2023
- ✓ \$3,147,172.28 TOTAL BROUGHT INTO MACON COUNTY FY 2023
- ✓ (X 5 TAX FREE) ECONOMIC IMPACT OF \$15.7 MILLION DOLLARS

NEW BENEFITS & INFO:

1. VAC COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - \$7494.01 FY 2023
INOGEN PORTABLE OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR IN THE OFFICE– AVAILABLE IF YOU KNOW OF A VETERAN IN NEED. DOCTORS AT THE VA KNOW ABOUT THIS, AS WELL.
2. HYGIENE & FUEL GIFT CARDS \$6,300 FY 2023 Bus CARDS 91 x \$18.40 = \$1,674.40
3. VETERANS DAY – WARRENSBURG GRADE SCHOOL IS GIVING US A DONATION. I WILL BE THERE TO RECEIVE A DONATION AND THANK THE KIDS FOR RAISING MONEY.
4. PEARL HARBOR DAY – WE WILL NEED A SPEAKER – HONOR GUARD MAY HAVE TO LAY THE WREATH.

MAKE SURE WE ARE PRAISING OUR DOCTORS & NURSE PRACTITIONERS AT THE VA. OUR LOCAL CLINIC IS GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND TO HELP WITH CLAIMS GIVING US VALUABLE OPINIONS FAST USING TEAMS SOFTWARE. THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE EVEN CALLING US ABOUT HOUSEBOUND VETERANS WHO WOULD HAVE OTHERWISE WENT UNCHECKED.

BENEFITS HAVE SLOWED. BENEFITS @ THE VA HAS DOUBLED IN SIZE AND ARE FACING THE SAME CHALLENGES MANY PRIVATE COMPANIES ARE WITH STAFFING AND PROMOTION. DIRECTOR OF JANESVILLE, WI (ONE OF THE LARGEST REGIONAL OFFICES) SPOKE AT OUR TRAINING AND INFORMED US THEY ARE IMPLEMENTING A LOT OF AUTOMATION (AI) ALONG WITH CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES.

COMPENSATION & PENSION EXAMS. OPTUM(LHI), VES & QTC ARE THE PRIVATE COMPANIES PROVIDING THESE EXAMS. THEY HAVE 30 DAYS TO COMPLETE THE EXAM AFTER THE VA HAS MADE THE REQUEST. THEY TOLD US VA IS NOT MAKING US DRIVE FURTHER THAN 50 MILES.



Veterans Appreciation Meals and Discounts 11-11-2023

Applebee's: Free Meal All Day Select Menu

Bob Evans: Free Meal All Day Select Menu

Buffalo Wild Wings: 10pc Boneless & Fries All Day

Casey's: Free cup of coffee or soft drink

Craker Barrel: Free Piece of Cake

Freddy's Steakburgers: Free Meal voucher to use at anytime

Golden Corral: Monday November 13th Free Meal All Day

Hooters: Free Meal All Day Select Menu

IHOP: 10% off Every day

Krekel's: 10% off Every day

Logans Roadhouse: Free Meal Select Menu 11-3

Longhorn Steakhouse: Free Appetizer

Mission BBQ: Free sandwich and Dessert All Day

Outback Steakhouse: Free Blooming Onion All Day

Perkins: Free Magnificent 7 All Day

Red Robin: Free Tavern Burger with Bottomless Fries All Day



MEETING MINUTES – 07/26/2023
Veterans Assistance Commission of Macon County, Inc.

1. **CALLED TO ORDER** – At 17:30 on 26 Jul 2023 Burl Stoner
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3. **ROLL CALL** – Quorum Present 7 Post

Officers in Attendance

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AL #105 William Hanes
AL #660 James Keith, Stoy Bliss
AL #1972 Charles Loury, Carnell Bond
VFW# 99 Richard Cairns
VFW #730 Ivery Chambliss, Burl Stoner
MCL #799 Bob Kimmons, Bob Tyler,
Tommy Scroggins

4. **RECOGNIZE NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS OR GUESTS**

County Board Chairman Kevin Greenfield
County Administrator Tammy Wilcox
County Treasurer Edward Yoder

5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 26 April 2023**

Motion Bob Kimmons 2nd Stoy Bliss All Present approved

6. **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT / Treasurer Report**

A) Report Attached

8. **POST DELEGATES REPORTS AND ACTIVITIES**

A) American Legion Post 660 work to rename post office after Jeremy Ridlen who was KIA in Iraq post office dedication completed. Many family, friends, Congressman Rodney Davis as well as several veterans were in attendance.

9. HONOR GUARD REPORT

133 Funerals 2022 And over 3641 since Conception in 1995

67 Army	WWII	16
33 Navy	Korea	43
7 Marines	Vietnam	57
19 Airforce	Cold War	16
1 Army Air Core	Desert Storm	1
1 Merchant Marine		
2 Coast Guard		
3 Army National Guard		

Conducted 2 in one day 29 times and 3 in one day once.

Fired 2793 Rounds on funerals, patriotic services on Memorial Day and other Patriotic events.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None to be Discussed

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A) Select 501C3 Leadership Team Appointed Charles Loury, James Kieth, and Robert Tyler All Present Approved
- B) Review and Vote of Budget Motion to Approve James Kieth 2nd Charles Loury All Present Approved

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

County Board Chairman expressed commitment to Macon County Veterans by asking us to notify DAV post #17 about waiving county licensing fees.

13. PRAYERS - CHAPLAIN

14. ADJOURNMENT

- Motion Stoy Bliss 2nd Charles Loury 18:17 7/26/2023

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SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF MACON COUNTY, INC.

26 JULY 2023

STALEY CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT-

CHECKING \$60,153.38 SAVINGS \$25.00

TREASURERS CD - \$511,009.27 +\$11,009.27

DAV VAN: 75 TRIPS 154 RIDERS 13,500 MILES

VAC VAN: 84 TRIPS 9,800 MILES

2023 CLAIMS REPRESENTATION - NACVSO PACT ACT

- ✓ 378 CLAIMS AND/OR APPEALS SUBMITTED
- ✓ \$656,358.00 IN BACKPAY FY 2023
- ✓ \$1,750,317.72 IN NEW YEARLY BENEFITS FY 2023
- ✓ \$2,406,675.72 TOTAL BROUGHT INTO MACON COUNTY FY 2023
- ✓ ECONOMIC IMPACT (X5) IN MACON COUNTY \$12,033,378.60

NEW BENEFITS & INFO:

1. VAC COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE - 18 APPLICATIONS \$7964.14 FY 2023
2. CHARITY EXPENSES - INDIGENT SPOUSE AT FAIRHAVEN'S \$410 ON INCONTINENCE . WE ALSO PURCHASED AN INOGEN ONE G5 OXYGEN CONCENTRATOR TO LOAN OUT \$2780.00
3. HYGIENE & FUEL GIFT CARDS \$4050.00 FY 2023
4. SOCIAL ISOLATION -IF WE HAVE SENIOR VETERANS THAT ARE NOT GETTING OUT OF THEIR HOME A LOT AND WOULD BENEFIT FROM A FREE TABLET/IPAD. MACON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS TABLET OR IPAD FOR ISOLATED SENIORS. THERE ARE NO INCOME RESTRICTIONS ON THIS PROGRAM. THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT WILL ACTUALLY GO OUT AND TRAIN THE SENIOR ON HOW TO USE THE TABLET, IF NEEDED. PHONE NUMBER IS ON THE FLYER. THE ONLY CHARGE WOULD BE INTERNET IF THEY DO NOT ALREADY HAVE IT OR INCOME BASED COULD RECEIVE IT FREE, AS WELL.
5. CHARITY - SO THE CHARITY CAN BE ADMINISTRATED BY A VETERAN. WE NEED TO HAVE A BOARD OF 3, 5 OR 7 MEMBERS. THE HONOR GUARD WILL ALSO FALL UNDER THIS CHARITY TO BE AUDITED AS A PART OF THE CHARITY. WE ARE WORKING ON BY-LAWS. BEING AS THIS CHARITY IS HERE TO SUPPORT THE OFFICE AND THE HONOR GUARD.