

# CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Prepared and Submitted by Wilbert Jordan, Secretary

2:35 pm Tuesday, June 13, 2017

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

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chairman of the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board (CCVAB), Paul Winfrey, at 2:35 P.M.
- II. Roll Call: CCVAB Secretary, Wilbert Jordan, called the roll.  
Present: Wilbert Jordan, Paul Winfrey, Kenneth Gilmore, Leonard Morgan.  
Absent: Clarence O. Burnough (excused), Preston McGee, Jr.
- III. Minutes from May 15, 2017 meeting: Minutes were read by Secretary Wilbert Jordan.  
Correction: Judge Robert Mack is not a retired USA officer. Leonard Morgan made a motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Kenneth Gilmore seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Old Business:
  - 1) Veterans Court: State Superior Court Judge Robert Mack met with Wilbert Jordan. He was preparing to go to Washington, D.C. for the Alternate Court Systems training. Once he gets certified, he will start the process of setting up a Veterans Court in Clayton County. Wilbert Jordan told him that the CCVAB wants a seat at the table when the Veterans Court is being set up. He said that he will solicit the assistance of the CCVAB and Veterans Services organizations in our community.
  - 2) Veterans Summit and Health Fair: Leonard Morgan gave us an update on the VET Fest, to be held at the International Park on Saturday, September 2, 2017. He showed us a video events of the four previous years. The VA and other vendors will be there to give veterans information about benefits. There will be live entertainment for the veterans and their families. Food vendors will also be there.
  - 3) Reminder: The county needs to strongly support veterans' mental health needs.
  - 4) Paul Winfrey asked to be updated on what he had missed at the May meeting.
  - 5) Action Ministry: Leonard Morgan gave update. The former name was Travelers Aid. Action Ministry and Hope Atlanta have each received a Federal grant to assist "at risk" and homeless veterans in Metropolitan Atlanta.
  - 6) State Labor Department has special jobs for veterans: After receiving our May minutes, Ryan Shaw, Clayton County Human Resources Dept, sent an email to Wilbert Jordan

relating that he had met with Charlie Pugh, Veterans representative of the GA. Dept. of Labor, at the Clayton Regional Career Center. Mr. Pugh is very invested in assisting veterans in gaining employment. Mr. Shaw assured him that he would forward his contact information to the CCVAB. His telephone number is 678-284-5765. Mr. Shaw hopes that we all can come together to help Clayton County veterans gain employment.

V. New Business: 1) Kenneth Gilmore said we should try to get the message out to the veterans about what programs are available to them. He said that the Clayton County Board of Commissioners should add, to the County website, the information that the CCVAB gives them that would assist veterans.

- VI. Next meeting: We will hold our next meeting at the Jonesboro VFW Post 6330, located at 732 Veterans Parkway, Jonesboro, GA. 30238. Vice Chairman Winfrey set the meeting time for 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2017. Vice Chairman Winfrey 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, Vice Chairman Winfrey called for a motion to adjourn.
- VIII. Adjournment: Motion was made by Kenneth Gilmore and seconded by Leonard Morgan to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously. The Clayton County Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of June 13, 2017 was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.