

# **CLAYTON COUNTY VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Prepared and Submitted by Mr. Wilbert Jordan, Secretary**

**2:00 pm Monday, March 27, 2017**

**Chick Fil-A Dwarf House Restaurant**

**6549 Highway 85, Riverdale, GA 30274**

## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman of the Clayton County Veterans Advisory Board (CCVAB), Clarence O. Burnough.

## **II. Roll Call by the CCVAB Secretary, Wilbert Jordan**

**Present:** Mr. Wilbert Jordan, Mr. Clarence O. Burnough, Mr. Paul Winfrey, Mr. Leonard Morgan and Mr. Preston McGee, Jr.

**Absent:** Mr. Kenneth Gilmore (excused).

Chairman Burnough recognized the two new board members, Mr. Leonard Morgan and Mr. Preston McGee, Jr. Secretary Wilbert Jordan asked the new members to tell the other board members about themselves. Mr. Leonard Morgan gave a brief background about his military service and the work he is doing with the veterans in our community. Mr. Preston McGee, Jr. told about himself and his military service. He worked with veteran issues for over fourteen (14) years in New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Leonard Morgan, then, introduced his guest, Ms. Sheila Peltway, from Visions Outreach, Inc.

## **III. Duties and Responsibilities as outlined in Resolution No. 2016-99:**

Chairman Burnough gave an overview of the CCVAB's duties and responsibilities. He reminded the Board members that "The Clayton

County Veterans' Advisory Board is responsible for advising the Board of Commissioners on the needs of local veterans, the resources available to local veterans and programs that could benefit local veterans and their families."

Mr. Preston McGee, Jr. wanted to know if there are any services available in Clayton County for homeless veterans. Mr. Wilbert Jordan said, "There are a few non-profit organizations working with homeless veterans in Clayton County. They don't have that many beds. Fort McPherson VA Center houses homeless veterans in the buildings that were former barracks. The VA also has a homeless hotline number to assist homeless veterans. The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) national call-in number (hotline) is 1-877-4-AIDVET or 1-877-424-3838. Homeless veterans can call and get immediate assistance."

#### **IV. February 2017 Meeting**

There were no minutes from February 2017. There was no meeting in February because we did not have a quorum.

#### **V. New Business**

Mr. Leonard Morgan asked what the CCVAB sees as the main needs for veterans in Clayton County. Chairman Burnough said that the CCVAB had discussed the following needs:

- Homelessness
- Job Assistance
- Mental Health Support
- Transportation
- Housing

Motion was made by Mr. Wilbert Jordan and seconded by CCVAB Vice Chairman, Mr. Paul Winfrey that the CCVAB ask the Clayton County Board

of Commissioners to set up a Veterans Court in Clayton County to deal with first-time veteran offenders, who come before the Clayton County Courts. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leonard Morgan handed out fliers from Visions Outreach, Inc. telling about upcoming events and programs. (See attached)

Ms. Sheila Peltway was given the opportunity to speak about her non-profit, Visions Outreach, Inc. (VOR). VOR is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization that provides supportive services to all military personnel, both past and present, and their families; with services and resources for their overall sustainability in civilian life. Chairman Burnough said he would add VOR to the list of services for Clayton County veterans, that will be provided to the Clayton County Board of Commissioners.

#### **VI. Next meeting**

Chairman Burnough asked about a location for our next meeting. Motion was made by Mr. Wilbert Jordan and seconded by Mr. Paul Winfrey that we hold our next meeting at the Jonesboro VFW Post 6330, located at 732 Veterans Parkway, Jonesboro, GA. 30238. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman set the meeting time for 2:00 PM on Monday, April 10, 2017. Chairman Burnough asked Mr. Wilbert Jordan, a member of VFW Post 6330, to coordinate the meeting with the Post. Mr. Jordan agreed.

#### **VII. Other Business**

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Burnough was about to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Leonard Morgan asked if we could close the meeting with a prayer. Chairman Burnough said we could, if no one disagreed. No one disagreed. Mr. Wilbert volunteered to say a prayer.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Motion was made by Chairman Burnough and seconded by Mr. Paul Winfrey to adjourn the Veterans' Advisory Board Meeting of March 27, 2017 at 3:25 PM