



TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2024, at 19:00hrs
Tazewell EMA Building

1. Called to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Roll Call:
 - a. Chairperson: Shannon Saal
 - b. Vice-Chair: Bob Dant
 - c. Superintendent: Steve Saal
 - d. VSO: Jim Chism (excused)
 - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting
 - g. Attendees: Bob Dant from AMVETS 169; Gil Gravitt from Delavan AL 382; Lenny Gray from Pekin VFW 1232; Michael Ragan and Will Stodgel from Washington AL 100; and Shannon Saal from Pekin AL 44; Phil Ballinger from VVI; Robert Pratt from Armington AL 913; Jeremy Martin from Tremont AL 1236; and Terry Stone and Rich Byars from the Marine Corps League.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Lenny Gray, 2nd by Gil Gravitt. Motion passed.
5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion to accept by Terry Stone, 2nd by Phil Ballinger. Motion passed.
6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 84 Veterans and 161 dependents.

7. VSO Report: (Jim Chism), no report due to excused absence.
8. Old Business: Wreaths Across America report from Bob Dant, stated that, a goat farmer in Manito is utilizing the old wreathes to feed the goats. Superintendent Saal had brought the obituary of former North Pekin resident and AMVET Post 169 member, Vietnam Veteran POW LTC Stan Newell. His celebration of life is planned for August 3rd, at the Marine Corp League.
9. New Business: Superintendent Saal requested volunteers to be on a committee to review the VAC by-laws. The meeting was scheduled for 26 March 2024, to be held at the VAC Office (335 Court St).
Committee Members are Chair. Shannon Saal, Vice-Chair. Bob Dant, Super. Saal, Phil Ballinger, Terry Stone, Michael Ragan, Will Stodgel, and County Board Liaison Kim Joesting.
10. Public Comments: None
11. Adjournment: motioned by Bob Dant, and 2nd by Gil Gravitt. Motion passed.