



TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
June 17, 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 and Bob Hotkevich from AMVETS 169; Tom Neeley from Mackinaw AL 607; Mike Ragan from Washington AL 100; and Shannon Saal from Pekin AL 44; Joe Weghorst from AL 382.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Tom Neeley, 2nd by Bob Dant. Motion passed.
5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion to accept by Bob Dant, 2nd by Bob Hotkevich. Motion passed.
6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 85 Veterans and 176 dependents.
7. VSO Report: (Matt Eisfelder), 11 new claims in the month of May; 51 since January. Tom Neeley asked Matt about claims process. Matt elaborated on the process of developing a claim and needing POA to

see what the VA had in individual files on people, without it you are limited on how you can help. A POA will supersede any older POA.

8. Old Business: WWII Memorial Service went very well at Morton HS Gym. Other Memorial Day Services went well too.
9. New Business: Nothing to report.
10. Public Comments: The NP AMVETS 169 will have a tenderloin dinner this month. Michael Ragan reported about the 22nd of every month is Veteran Suicide Awareness. A Polar Plunge is held at East Peoria Boat Club every 22nd of the month to raise awareness.
11. Adjournment: motioned by Bob Dant, and 2nd by Bob Hotkevich.
Motion passed.