

## TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024, at 19:00hrs Tazewell EMA Building

- 1. Called to Order:
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance:
- 3. Roll Call:
  - a. Chairperson: Shannon Saal (AL 44)
  - b. Vice-Chair: Bob Dant
  - c. Superintendent: Steve Saal
  - d. VSO: Jim Chism at IACVAC
  - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder at IACVAC
  - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting
  - g. Attendees: Bob Dant and Bob Hotkevich from AMVETS 169;
    Tom Neeley from Mackinaw AL 607; Gil Gravitt and Joe
    Weghorst from Delavan AL 382; Terry Knollenberg from Pekin
    VFW 1232; Phil Ballinger from VVI: and Rich Byars from the
    Marine Corp League.
- Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Bob Dant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hotkevich. Motion passed.
- Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion to accept by Tom Neely, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hotkevich. Motion passed.
- 6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 104 Veterans and 234 dependents.
- 7. VSO Report: No Report

- Old Business: Flyer went out for the Goodwill Stand Down on October 19<sup>th</sup>. The VAC has mold and will be moving the office to the Tazewell (Blue) Building at 414 Court St.
- New Business: Superintendent Saal will mail out this month, the delegate/ alternate sheets to the commanders of each service post. Also during October 21<sup>st</sup>, meeting we will take nominees for
   Superintendent, 2. Chairman, 3. Vice-Chairman.

We will take nominees again November 18<sup>th</sup> as well as hold the election for these seats.

- 10. Public Comments: Sept 20<sup>th</sup> at VVI is Veterans Ride from 10:00 12:00. Sept 22 is Vets Last Patrol, starting at VFW Post 2078 and visiting four nursing homes. Vietnam Traveling Wall is in East Peoria, At Levee Park from Sept 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>. Patriot Riders are escorting the transporting of Wall as well as helping to assemble and provide security for it. Sept 26<sup>th</sup> Honor Flight Code name "Penguin Flight" are bused to DC and are returning for a Ceremony at the Peoria Civic Center at 4:30pm. Sept 27<sup>th</sup> Gold Star 500 Ride or Bicycle Group will bring Gold Star Families to Caterpillar Headquarters for a ceremony. Wreathes Across America will take place December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Veterans Cemetery in Pekin, watch for flyer to come out.
- Adjournment: motioned by Joe Weghorst, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Phil Ballinger. Motion passed.

STEVEN A. SAAL SUPERINTENDENT Tazewell County VAC