



TAEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
November 18, 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
 - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting (Excused)
 - g. Attendees: Bob Dant from AMVETS 169; Bob Hotkevich from Washington VFW 9016; Tom Neely from Mackinaw AL 607; Gil Gravitt from Delavan AL 382; Lenny Gray and Ron Clark from Pekin VFW 1232; Roger Williams from Tremont AL 1236; Charlie Guillian and Robert Thatcher Creve Coeur VFW 4835; and Rich Byars from the Marine Corp League; Phil Ballinger and Dan Haley from Vietnam Veterans of IL; and Dan Swift from MOPH 175.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Lenny Gray, 2nd by Charlie Gilliams. Motion passed.
5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion to accept by Bob Dant, 2nd by Gil Gravitt. Motion passed.

6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 114 Veterans and 238 dependents.
7. VSO Report: (Jim Chism), Jim and Matt are continuing with interviews and sighted some success stories.
8. Old Business: Nominations/ Elections for Board Officer positions.
 1. Superintendent (4yr Term); Steve Saal was nominated by Lenny Gray and 2nd by Phil Ballinger. Motion carried, w/ voice vote.
 2. Chairman of TCVAC (2yr Term); Chair Shannon Saal was nominated by Gil Gravitt and 2nd by Bob Hotkevich. Motion carried, w/ voice vote.
 3. Vice Chair. of TCVAC (2yr Term); Vice Chair Bob Dant was nominated by Lenny Gray and 2nd by Bob Hotkevich. Motion carried, w/ voice vote.
9. New Business: Christmas meeting has moved to December 23rd, at 5:30pm. Dinner is to be served after the conclusion of the meeting. Also after discussing moving meeting to earlier time... Starting in January, meeting time change to 6:00pm on the third Monday of every month. Motion to accept by Phil Ballinger, 2nd by Roger Williams. Motion passed.

Vice Chair Bob Dant brought up Veterans needing rides to VA appointments. After discussion Super Saal will look into possible fixes for this problem.
10. Public Comments: Bob Dant reported that Amvets 169 will have Christmas Baskets for Veterans again during the month of December. Also Amvets 169 is providing presents for the family of fallen Veteran Paul Smith who was killed in Afghanistan in 2009. Bob Dant gave a status on Wreaths Across America. Ceremony will be held at the Veterans War Memorial on 8th St in Pekin at 11:00 on December 14,



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2024. Wreathes will again arrive by Police and Veterans MC escort the day before, TBD.

Lenny Gray informed the commission that Pekin VFW 1232 is celebrating their 100th year anniversary this week.

11. Adjournment: motioned by Phil Ballinger, and 2nd by Roger Williams.

Motion passed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Saal".

STEVEN A. SAAL
SUPERINTENDENT
Tazewell County VAC