

TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2025, at 1800hrs
Tazewell EMA Building

- 1. Call 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 Absent)
 - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting
 - g. Attendees: Bob Dant from AMVETS Post 169; Dan Swift from Military Ord. Purple Heart 175; Joe Weghorst from American Legion Post 382; Terry Stone from Marine Corp League 085; Roger Williams from American Legion Post 1236; Bob Hotkevich from VFW Post 9016; Ron Clark from VFW Post 1232; Tom Neeley from American Legion Post 607; Rich Byars from Marine Corp League; Gil Gravitt from American Legion Post 382; Rick Gumm from American Legion Post 983.
- 4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Tom Neeley, 2nd by Rich Byars. Motion passed via voice vote.
- 5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion approved by Terry Stone, 2nd by Rich Byars via voice vote.

- 6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 85 veterans and 168 dependents for April.
- 7. VSO Report: (Jim Chism), 19 in progress, 9 appeals, 22 filed and waiting for decision, 66 total. (Matt Eisfelder), 3 new claims, 2 submitted, 1 High level review, 58 working on.
- 8. Old Business: Amanda Gillinger has done very well during her first month with the office.
- 9. New Business: Bob Dant had brought up that Steve Saal should have a yearly evaluation. Bob Dant gave Supt. Saal an evaluation. The County's HR department provided the documentation they have used in the past in conducting evaluations. Going forward, the Superintendent will be evaluated yearly in the month of May. Regarding the evaluation results of Supt. Saal, Bob Dant stated that Supt. Saal is doing a great job. Bob Hotkevich chimed in with a very outstanding support of Supt. Saal. The full VAC Commission gave a great vote of confidence as well. Supt. Steve Saal was very gracious towards the support of the VAC of Tazewell County.
- 10. Public Comments: There are many Memorial Day activities throughout Tazewell County.
- 11. Adjournment: Motioned by Terry Stone, 2nd by Rich Byars. Motion passed.

STEVEN A. SAAL SUPERINTENDENT Tazewell County VAC