



TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2025, at 1800hrs
Tazewell EMA Building

1. Call to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance: A Moment of Silence for Dave Hicks
3. Roll Call:
 - a. Chairperson: Shannon Saal
 - b. Vice-Chair: Bob Dant (Excused Absent)
 - c. Superintendent: Steve Saal
 - d. VSO: Jim Chism (Excused Absent)
 - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder (Excused Absent)
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting
 - g. Attendees: Adam Sterling from AMVETS Post 169; Joe Weghorst from American Legion Post 382; Tom Neeley from American Legion Post 607; Roger Williams from American Legion Post 1236; Gil Gravitt and John Harris from American Legion Post 382; Bob Hotkevich from VFW Post 9016; Charlie Gilliams from VFW Post 4835; Michael Ragan from American Legion Post 100.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Bob Hotkevich, 2nd by Roger Williams
5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), Motion to accept by Adam Sterling, 2nd by Joe Weghorst

6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 85 veterans and 153 dependents in May.
7. VSO Report: Not Available
8. Office Visits/Phone Calls: 126 visitors and 242 phone calls in May.
9. Old Business: Two plots at Hillcrest Cemetery are now available for two veterans. The invoice for the plots deed has been paid for by the VAC Commission.
10. New Business: Carol Imig called with information on the Hopedale 4th of July celebration which will honor Vietnam vets from that era. On July 3rd at 5 pm, there will be a fish fry for all Vietnam vets at the Hopedale Dinner Tent. Then on July 4th at 10:00 am, there will be a parade downtown in Hopedale. The line up for the parade is at 9:30 am.
11. Public Comments: Dave Hicks was the only survivor left from the beginning of the VAC of Tazewell County in 1978. He was Chairman of the VAC from 2010-2020. Delegate Michael Ragan reported that Bob Secrest, the future Commander of Post 100 in Washington, was killed in an accident last week. Our prayers and thoughts are with the family.
12. Adjournment: Motioned by Bob Hotkevich, 2nd by Adam Sterling.
Motion passed.
13. Please stand and salute the flag

STEVEN A. SAAL
SUPERINTENDENT
Tazewell County VAC