



TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
July 21, 2025, at 1800hrs
Tazewell EMA Building

1. Call to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance:
3. Roll Call:
 - a. Chairperson: Shannon Saal - Present
 - b. Vice-Chair: Bob Dant - Present
 - c. Superintendent: Steve Saal - Present
 - d. VSO: Jim Chism - Present
 - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder – Excused (Vacation)
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting - Present
 - g. Attendees: Bob Dant from AMVETS Post 169; Adam Sterling from AMVETS Post 169; Dan Swift from Military Ord. Purple Heart 175; Joe Weghorst from American Legion Post 382; Bob Hotkevich from VFW Post 9016; Roger Williams from American Legion Post 1236; Jim Pate from American Legion Post 318; Gil Gravitt from American Legion Post 382; John Harris from American Legion Post 382; Michael Ragan from American Legion Post 100.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Gil Gravitt, 2nd by Adam Sterling. Motion passed via voice vote.
5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion approved by Joe Weghorst, 2nd by Bob Hotkevich via voice vote.

6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 87 Veterans and 157 dependents.
7. VSO Report: (Jim Chism), Gave Report
8. Office Visits/Phone Calls: 88 visitors in office and 260 phone calls in June.
9. Old Business: Korea veterans were honored at the Tazewell County Courthouse on June 25, 2025, for the 75th anniversary of the start of Korea Conflict. Superintendent Steve Saal and County Clerk/Recorder John Ackerman were the master of ceremonies. There were 12 Korea veterans in attendance who were honored and shared a few stories about their experiences in the service.
10. New Business: Military Order of the Purple Heart is having an annual golf outing on July 31st, 2025. Supt. Steve Saal has fliers with the information. AMVETS Post 169 North Pekin Delegate Bob Dant was chosen as Veteran of the Year. The breakfast is being held at the Morton Legion Post 318 on July 26th, 2025, at 8:00 a.m. Supt. Saal has fliers for that event as well. The breakfast is sponsored by the Tazewell County Republicans Party.
11. Public Comments: Bob Dant reported the Vets for Vets Ride will be held at the Bartonville Legion Post 979 on July 26th, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. Michael Ragan reported a Patriot Plunge will be held at the East Peoria Boat Club on July 22nd. Mr. Ragan also reported there will be an Illinois Joining Forces program at the Peoria Riverfront on July 23rd. In addition, Mr. Ragan reported that Veterans meet on Mondays at the 50's Diner in Peoria.
12. Adjournment: Motioned by Dan Swift, 2nd by Bob Hotkevich. Motion passed via voice vote.
13. Please stand and salute the flag



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