



TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes
August 18, 2025, at 1800hrs
Tazewell EMA Building

1. Call to Order:
2. Pledge of Allegiance: A Moment of Silence for former Delegate of the Marine Corp League Det. 085, Terry Stone, who passed away last week.
3. The VAC Board addressed recording of video of our meetings. The video recording was by Michael Ragan of American Legion Post 100. The VAC Commission did not object.
4. 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 – Present
 - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting - Present
 - g. Attendees: Bob Dant from AMVETS Post 169; Gil Gravitt from American Legion Post 382; John Harris from American Legion Post 382; Adam Sterling from AMVETS Post 169; Rich Byars from Marine Corp League; Bob Hotkevich from VFW Post 9016; Ronald Clark from VFW Post 1232; Charlie Gilliams from VFW Post 4835; Lenny Gray from VFW Post 1232; Tom Neeley from American Legion Post 607; Roger Williams from American

Legion Post 1236; Michael Ragan from American Legion Post 100; Rick Gumm from American Legion Post 983.

5. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Tom Neeley, 2nd by Bob Hotkevich. Motion passed via voice vote.
6. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion approved by Lenny Gray, 2nd by Roger Williams via voice vote.
7. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 95 veterans and 182 dependents.
8. VSO Report: (Jim Chism), Power of Attorney 14, Intent to File 13, 526EZ 10. VSO Report: (Matt Eisfelder), No report.
9. Office Visits/Phone Calls: 85 visitors and 247 phone calls in July.
10. Old Business: Vets 4 Vets Ride at the Bartonville Legion Post 979 on July 26th was very successful. The Veterans Appreciation Breakfast on July 26th at the Morton Legion Post 318 was very good and was also a success. Bob Dant of AMVETS Post 169 received the Veteran of the Year Award. Congratulations, Bob Dant. Supt. Steve Saal sent a thank you note to the Tazewell County Republicans Party for having and sponsoring the breakfast.
11. New Business: Supt. Saal had received a letter from the Attorney General Office of the State of IL. The letter stated that as a commission, we need to change our by-laws on two subjects. One of the changes will be the dates that Delegate and Alternate sheets will be sent and returned. Going forward, instead of sending the sheets at the end of September each year and returning by November 30th, according to The Military Veterans Assistance Act, every January 1st all veteran commissions should publish a notice to each veteran service organization in our county, and a Delegate and Alternate sheet to each service club. The service organization will have until March 1st to complete the form by their Commander or Co-Commander to the VAC office of Tazewell County. The second



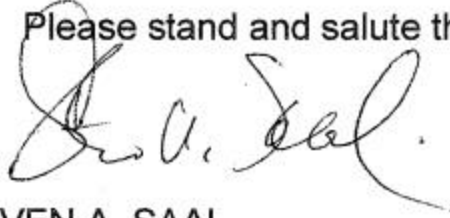
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change going forward is that the Superintendent shall be evaluated annually, and a written report shall be generated. A copy of the report from the evaluation shall be provided to the entire Commission Membership. The evaluation date for the Tazewell County VAC Commission will be in the month of May during the calendar year. The evaluation of the Superintendent shall be conducted by the Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Commission. Tom Neeley from Legion Post 607 of Mackinaw, mentioned seeing if we could check into getting a fax machine for the office at the VAC of Tazewell County. Supt. Saal will see about getting a fax machine. John Harris from Legion Post 382 of Delavan asked a question regarding the ceremony teams. Their post is having an issue of getting volunteers, like everyone else in the area. Roger Williams from Legion Post 1236 of Tremont stated there are two teams in Tazewell County. One team is TMRT, which Roger is president of. Tazewell County also has TACT team, which Lenny Gray from VFW Post 1232 in Pekin spoke about. John Harris will get those numbers from Supt. Saal's VAC office.

12. Public Comments: AMVETS Post 169 kitchen will open in September. VFW Post 1232 will have a Fish Fry on Friday, August 22nd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Also on August 22nd, there will be a River Plunge at the East Peoria Boat Club at 12:00 noon.
13. Adjournment: Motioned by Lenny Gray, 2nd by Adam Young. Motion passed.

14. Please stand and salute the flag

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. A. Saal", with a large, stylized initial "S" and a trailing flourish.

STEVEN A. SAAL
SUPERINTENDENT
Tazewell County VAC