



## **TAZEWELL COUNTY VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

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Tazewell County VAC Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 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 – Excused Absent (VSO Class)
  - e. VSO: Matt Eisfelder – Excused Absent (VSO Class)
  - f. County Liaison: Kim Joesting - Present
  - g. Attendees: Bob Dant from AMVETS Post 169; Charlie Gilliams from VFW Post 4835; Lenny Gray from VFW Post 1232; Adam Sterling from AMVETS Post 169; Bob Hotkevich from VFW Post 9016; Robert Thatcher from VFW Post 4835; Joe Weghorst from American Legion Post 382; Ron Clark from VFW Post 1232; Hal McHaney from VFW Post 1232; Rick Otey from VFW Post 1232; Roger Williams from American Legion Post 1236; John Harris from American Legion Post 382; Michael Ragan from American Legion Post 100.
4. Approval of Past Minutes: Motion to accept by Lenny Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Charlie Gilliams. Motion passed via voice vote.

5. Superintendent's Report: (Steve Saal), motion approved by Bob Dant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bob Hotkevich via voice vote.
6. Pantry Report: (Steve Saal), 87 Veterans and 177 Dependents.
7. VSO Report: No Report, attending VSO class.
8. Office Visits/Phone Calls: 117 visitors and 318 phone calls in August.
9. Old Business: Tom Neeley from American Legion Post 607 of Mackinaw had asked at the last meeting about the VAC getting a fax machine. County Clerk and Recorder John Ackerman has one fax machine in the office. A picnic lunch for veterans will be held in the Tazewell County VAC parking lot. There will be some guidelines for the event set forth by Melissa Goetze of the Health Department which include clean hands and clean utensils. It will be a 1-day event.
10. New Business: Goodwill Stand Down event for veterans will be held on Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Tazewell County VAC has flyers for the event and will have a table set up during the event. The Annual Pow Wow at Seven Circles Heritage Center will be held September 19<sup>th</sup> through September 21<sup>st</sup>. The VAC has flyers for the event. AMVETS Post 169 will be serving tenderloins on Friday September 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 p.m.
11. Public Comments: A fish fry will be held at VFW Post 1232 in Pekin on Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>.
12. Adjournment: Motioned by Lenny Gray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Adam Sterling.  
Motion passed.
13. Please stand and salute the flag

STEVEN A. SAAL  
SUPERINTENDENT  
Tazewell County VAC

