TAZEWELL COUNTY
VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Clarence Pulcher, Superintendent
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Tazewell County VAC Special Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2026, 1800hrs
Tazewell EMA Building
21304 IL-9, Tremont, IL 61568

1. Call to order: Made by Chairman Bob Dant at 6:00PM

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given and rendered.

Rich Dansizen	(Del) AL Post 44
John Harris	(Del) AL Post 382
Michael Ragan	(Del) AL Post 100
Jim Wheat	(Alt) AL Post 607
Doug Bohm	(Del) Al Post 1236
Dan Frank	(Del) Al Post 1276
Robert Nichols	(Del) Amvets 169
Bob Dant	(Alt) Amvets 169
Tom Stewart	(Del) 40 et 8 Voiture 1170
Bill Clark	(Del) MCL 085
Danny Watkins	(Alt) MCL 085
Dan Swift	(Alt) Order of the PH 175
Ryan Richardson	(Del) VFW 1232
Hal McElhaney	(Alt) VFW 1232
David Labatt	(Alt) VFW 2078
Brian Farlin	(Del) VFW 4835
Ryan Durbin	(Alt) VFW 5921
Bob Hotkevich	(Del) VFW 9016
James Ashton	(Alt) VFW 9016

3. Roll call: 10 Delegates, 8 alternates, 1 VAC Superintendent, and 4 guests. Quorum met.

4. Introduction of guests and first- time attendees.
    I. Paul Stevenson
    II.Ryan Durbin

5. Public comments:
    I. Jeana Lorenso of Paws Giving Independence brought a service dog in and explained what they do and how they train dogs to assist people with a variety of disabilities.

6. Approval of Septembers meeting agenda
    I. Chairman entertained a motion to approve the September meeting agenda as published.
    II. Motion made by Rich Dansizen to approve as published.
    III. Motion seconded by Brian Farlin
    IV. Motion carried via voice vote

7. Approval of Septembers meeting minutes.
    I. Chairman entertained a motion to approve the August meeting minutes as published.
    II. Motion made by Bill Clark To approve as published.
    III. Motion seconded by Doug Bohm.
    IV. Motion carried via voice vote.

8. Superintendent's report
    I. Superintendent discussed the actual vs budget year to date.
    II. TCVAC bills.
        -Homeless couple ($758)

-Ameren x 2 ($1093)
-Indigent burial x 2 ($1800)
-Office supplies ($470)
-Legal services ($426.50)
-NACVSO ($200)
-IACVAC registration fees ($1950)

III. Superintendent introduced and spoke to the FY 27 budget.

IV. Introduction of new employees.

-Heather Carreathers- Veterans Service Officer
-Tim Frank- Administrative assistant

V. Superintendent Presented the FY 2027 budget for approval.

9. Approval of Fiscal Year 27 budget.

I. Chairman entertained a motion to approve Fiscal Year 2027 budget.

II. Motion made by Michael Ragan to approve as published.

III. Motion seconded by Brian Farlan

IV. Motion carried via voice vote.

10. Approval of mission Statement

I. Chairman entertained a motion to approve the mission statement.

II. Motion made by Doug Bohm to approve the mission statement

III. Motion seconded by Michael Ragan.

IV. Motion carried via voice vote

Vision

“Best in Class”
Proposed

Mission Statement: The Tazewell County Veterans Assistance Commission is committed to priding compassionate, timely, and professional assistance to our veterans and their families through advocacy, emergency financial assistance, benefits counseling, outreach, collaboration with community partners and accountability, ensuring no eligible Veteran is left without support.

11. Approval of By-Law Amendments.
    I. Chairman entertained a motion to approve By-Law Amendments.
    II. Motion made by Bill Clark.
    III. Motion seconded by Ryan Richardson.
    IV. Motion carried via voice vote.

12. New business.
    I. Re-branding, marketing, social media
        A. Increase in social media presence
        B. Marigold Festival, Pumpkin Festival, VFW 1232 America Celebration, TAZFEST, Goodwill Stand-down, Veterans Day, Etc.
    II. TCVAC apparel.

13. Good of the Commission/Post Reports.
    I. American Legion Post 1236 is hosting a “M.A.S.H.” party October 3rd, 2026, as well as a Tailgate Raffle featuring a Blackstone Tailgate Grill & Meat Bundle or RTIC Cooler & 2 RTIC Tumblers.

II. Amvets 169 will be doing Christmas wreaths and baskets again this year.
III. Pekin VFW Post 1232 is hosting 250 Years of America from 3:00pm -7:00pm with special guest Chicago Farmer!
IV. VFW Post 2078 Is hosting a pig roast on Saturday October 10th. $20 donation per plate. Funds raised go to the 96th annual Veterans Day Parade.
V. VFW Post 5921 is hosting a cruise in and custom car show on October 18th, 2026.
VI. John Ackermans office has set up a property fraud online subscription allowing the public to track possible fraudulent recordings that may affect their property.
Propertyfraudalert.com/ILTazewell
VII. 2026 Tazfest will be held on Wednesday October 7th from 10:30am to 2:00pm at the moose lodge in Pekin.
VIII. The next Goodwill Stand Down event will take place on October 17th, 2026, from 9:00am until 1:00pm, located at Goodwill Commons.
IX. The next Greater Peoria Honor Flight is scheduled for October 20, 2026.
X. Spring Bay American Legion Post 1115 Hosts Thursday night jackpot dinners from 5:00-7:00 as well as Monday night extreme bar bingo. That starts at 6:30pm.
XI. Morton VFW Post 5921 is hosting Trunk or Treat this year on Saturday October 25th, 2025, from 2:00-5:00 pm
XII. Washington American Legion Post 100 is hosting its 4th annual Car & Bike show on October 10th from 11:00am until 2:00pm. This event will include food, raffles, and trunk or treat for the kids.

14. Benediction/Adjourn
    I. chairman entertained motion to adjourn
    II. Motion made by Ryan Richardson to Adjourn
    III. Motion Seconded by Rich Dansizen
    IV. Motion Carried via voice vote