

VAC Meeting 4/21/2021

The Veterans Commission Assistance Committee of Sangamon County was called to order by Chris Licht on 4/21/2021 at 7PM at the new Veterans Assistance Commission location at 901 S. 11th Street in Springfield, IL.

1. Call to order: Vice Chairman **Chris Licht**  
**Dane asked for a moment of silence in honor of Joe Fleming, chairman of the VAC council, who passed away on Jan 1, 2021**
2. Salute colors: Chris Licht
3. Pledge (ALL)
4. Roll Call (ROSE)

AMVETS Post 61	Sean Connolly Sean.connolly@va.gov	Sean Connolly
AMVETS Post 94	Larry Miller lrmsvm@comcast.net Ashti Dawson Ashti.dawson@gmail.com	Larry Miller
American Legion 508	Myron Griesheim (msgreish@gmail.com) Jimmy Floyd	absent
American Legion 586 Pawnee	Jay Sheedy	absent
American Legion 278 Divernon		absent
American Legion 277 Auburn	John Dautel (lucky_59@comcast.net)	absent
American Legion 599 Pleasant Plains	Myron Griesheim (msgreish@gmail.com)	absent
American Legion Post 32	Bruce O'Neil <bwojlo1@gmail.com> Gerald Bellatti (jjeery@aol.com) Mike Walton <walton73@outlook.com>	Bruce O'Neil
American Legion 274	Gale Kent kamper279@comcast.net	absent
American Legion 759	Rosemary Connolly rose.rosec@gmail.com	Rose Connolly
American Legion Post 809	Clarence Stowe Randy Boschulte Richard Rump	Clarence Stowe

VFW 755	Eugene Walker <genewalk61@gmail.com> Steve Pratt Steve.pratt25@yahoo.com	Gene Walker
VFW 8157	Anthony Bellin Ray Ragan Chris Licht (Ph 438-6087) (TCSChris@yahoo.com)	Chris Licht
VFW 10302	Frank Tyree Dave Wilder	Frank Tyree and Dave Wilder
VFW 4763	Kim Fueten John Mizer john.mizer9@gmail.com	Kim Fueten and Dustin Large
VFW 11463	Kyle Blumhorst James Dunbar	Kyle Blumhorst
Navy Club Ship 32	Ed O'Brien Phil Brown 2179715430	absent
Military Order of Purple Heart	Pete Dowding < <a href="mailto:peter.m.dowding@gmail.com">peter.m.dowding@gmail.com</a> > Ed Hein <ed535hein@gmail.com>	absent (Pete is moving to Colorado)
CWV	Joan Garvert joan.garvert@sbcglobal.net Dale Smith shelby71@sbcglobal.net	Dale Smith
Korean War Veterans	Rex Berry <a href="tel:2179714420">2179714420</a> <a href="mailto:r.berry1212@comcast.net">r.berry1212@comcast.net</a>	absent
Marine Corp League	Bill Wollen Robert Earl	absent
Vietnam Veterans of America	Jerry Hirstein <cntygam@aol.com> Otis Caudle <ottis054@yahoo.com>	Jerry Hirstein
ITAM	Tom Kelly (deceased)	absent

5. Reading of minutes: Motion made to dispense the reading since the minutes since they were emailed was made by Larry Miller and Dale Smith.

6. Superintendents Quarterly Report (DANE)

Financial report was read (attached ?). Dane stated that despite the pandemic year, requests for assistance were very low compared to previous years. Discussion was suggested that this is partially because of other state means for assistance.

7. Old business (DANE)

The van was available for council members to see after the meeting.

8. New Business (DANE)

November 16 the county cut back on the number of employees in an office. Three days out of the week employees would work from home. It is very rare for one person to be in the office. VAC is open 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday. The VAC still prefers an appointment but won't turn you away. VAC is assisting more veterans this year than last year.

Nominations for 2021 VAC council board members as follows:

Secretary nominations: Rose Connolly and Tim Kennedy. Election results 9 to 4 in favor of Rose Connolly

Vice Chairman: Charles Spencer and Chris Licht. Election results 7 to 6 in favor of Charles Spencer

Chairman: Frank Tyree (vacant position and uncontested)

9. For Good of the Commission

Elks lodge donated ten \$100 gift certificates to Walmart and Melinda Church is working to getting more.

LLHF tentative dates.

33rd Annual Vigil, May 7, 8, 9, 2010.

10. Retire Colors by Chris Licht

11. Next meeting is at 7PM, July 21st, 2021.

VAC meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Connolly  
Secretary