

VAC Meeting 10/16/2019

The Veterans Commission Assistance Committee of Sangamon County was called to order by Joe Fleming on 10/16/19 at 7:00 PM at Northenders VFW 10302.

Salute colors
 Pledge ~ Joe Fleming
 Roll call ~ Rose Connolly

* (e) indicates email

AMVETS Post 61	Sean Connolly amvets.chatham@gmail.com Anne Hofferkamp ahofferkamp@gmail.com	Sean Connolly
AMVETS Post 256	Charles Starks Don Green	x
AMVETS Post 94	Larry Miller	Larry Miller
AMVETS Post 257		Closed
American Legion 586 Pawnee	Jay Sheedy	Absent
American Legion 278 Divernon		Absent
American Legion 277 Auburn	John Dautel (e) Chris Licht (e)	Chris Licht
American Legion 599 Pleasant Plains	Myron Griesheim (e)	Absent
American Legion Post 32	Bruce O'neil <bwojlo1@gmail.com> Gerald Bellatti (e)	Bruce O'neil
American Legion 274	Paul Bell James Ayers Gale Kent	Gale Kent
American Legion 759	Robert Schotts Rosemary Connolly	Rose Connolly
American Legion Post 809	Clarence Stowe Randy Boschulte	Both present
American Legion Post 743	David Kuehl Raymond Lloyd	This New Berlin post folded

VFW 755	Eugene Walker Jay Kennerly < jay.kennerly@gmail.com >	Gene Walker
VFW 8157	Anthony Bellin Ray Ragan Chris Licht (Ph 438-6087)	absent
VFW 10302	Frank Tyree Mikle Siere	Charles Spencer and Bobby Edwards
VFW 4763	Lee Morgan John Mizer	Lee Morgan
VFW 11463	Kyle Blumhorst James Dunbar	Kyle Blumhorst and Jmes
Navy Club Ship 32	Robert Day Ed Obrien	absent
Military Order of Purple Heart	Dale Hunter Pete Dowding < peter.m.dowding@gmail.com >	Absent
CWV	Joan Garvert Pat Noel Dale Schmidt	Dale Schmidt and Joan Garvert
Korean War Veterans	Rex Berry 2179714420 r.berry1212@comcast.net	Absent
Marine Corp League	Bill Wollen Robert Earl	Absent
VVA	Emile Bouvet Charles Spener Dale Emerson < Yopops1946@gmail.com >	absent
AL Post 508	Myron Griesheim	Absent
ITAM	Tom Kelly	Absent

Reading minutes. Handed out and emailed. Motion to approve Charles Spencer and 2d by Dale Smith.

The annual and quarterly report for July thru today was read by Dane and printed copy was available for view.

Old business

1st vet court graduation is 11am, Aug 28 at Camp Lincoln at IMA bldg.

Training is one hour and involves mostly phone support as mentors and being present for support in court. Get in touch with Kim or sit down and watch.

Every Wednesday at 11. They validated your parking!

Town hall meeting Aug 15 at 4pm at the Springfield Library. Because vanever tells . you. VA is not your Friend.

Veterans Day at fair is Aug 11th. Celebrating the Year of the woman veteran. WW2 veterans will be the parade grand marshals. There will be a Drum bugle corps from St Louis.

Actives for veterans will be at Stage 4 . The governor will sign some bills there. Veteran will get wristbands and same pins as previous years.

Free meal for veterans at the shed.

WW2 vets will be the grand marshal for the parade.

We tried to get a helicopter but too expensive.

JROTC drill competition

VFW 10302 is still participating in state fair beer sales. CWV declined beer sales.

Opening of National Museum of the United States Army in Virginia.

Aug 20, 2019 is the next Land of Lincoln Honor Flight

Chris needs support from Ham operators of Sangamon Valley radio club for parking.

Chatham 4th Annual As Far As the Bastards Are Going 6-Mile Ruck March with a 1 mile sub ruck on Oct 5th.

Wreaths Across America needs a new location leader.

Sons Legion chicken dinner this Sunday.

There are worn flag drop off boxes at: VFW 744, 10302, AL 32 and 759.

New Business:

we don't need just 50%. VA flipped the cost share and we need 60% van is not Handicap accessible.

We need \$6,000 more. Then we need \$5k for a lift. Instead of Mon and Wed we are making less trips a month

Total need \$19k we have \$13 Ford Transit van.

The first veterans court graduation was held in August. Mentors are still needed.

Budget increase of \$10k

In January, letters will go out to the posts to appoint delegates and alternates to the VAC.

Flu shots are free M-F at the Springfield VA clinic walk in. Walgreens is free with VA card and drivers license and/or 2 IDs. Schnucks giving double dose but requires an appointment.

The last of the year's honor flight is Oct 29 with a pre-flight dinner the night before at Northenders.

AmVets Oct 26 trivia night to be held at Northenders VFW

Nov 13 Vince Spiranza at the Chatham Library

Capitol rotunda slide show for veterans day: Please email a photo and written story (max: 250 words) along with the following information: name, military branch (Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, National Guard, Navy) and conflict served (Afghanistan, Iraq, September 11, Gulf War, Vietnam, Korea, WWII, WWI, Peacetime, other). Military photos are preferred but not necessary. Please email submissions to veteransday@sgop.ilga.gov by November 3. Submissions can also be mailed to Veterans Day Wall, 309 G Statehouse, Springfield, IL 62706. For questions, please call (217) 782-7330.

Veterans Day 10:30 parade
Camp Butler ceremony is at 9am

Chris Licht announced a retiree seminar at Scott AFB RAO this Sat

The VAC is collecting gloves and hat donations.

Libby Conroy is the new location Leader for WAA donation page for the American Legion Post 759 Riders & Sons (IL0007) |18169|

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/18169/Overview>

Next VAC meeting

Jan 15, 2019 meeting 7PM at TBD

Adjured at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Connolly
Secretary