

VAC Meeting 10/21/2020

The Veterans Commission Assistance Committee of Sangamon County was called to order by Joe Fleming on 10/21/2020 at 7:00 PM at VFW 10302.

1. Call to order (Joe Fleming excused) Vice Chairman **Chris Licht**
2. Salute colors (Chris)
3. Pledge (Chris)
4. Roll Call (ROSE)

* (e) indicates email

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	Paul Bell and James Ayers	absent
American Legion 277 Auburn	John Dautel (lucky_59@comcast.net) Chris Licht	John Dautel
American Legion 599 Pleasant Plaines	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 Rochester	Gale Kent <kamper279@comcast.net>	Gale Kent
American Legion 759	Rosemary Connolly rose.rose@gmail.com	Rosemary Connolly
American Legion Post 809	Clarence Stowe Randy Boschulte Richard Rump	absent
VFW 755	Eugene Walker <genewalk61@gmail.com> Steve Pratt Steve.pratt25@yahoo.com	Eugene Walker
VFW 8157	Anthony Bellin Ray Ragan Chris Licht (Ph 438-6087) (TCSChris@yahoo.com)	absent
VFW 10302	Frank Tyree Mikle Siere	David (I didn't catch last name)

VFW 4763	Joe Fleming jfleming4133@comcast.net John Mizer john.mizer9@gmail.com	John Mizer
VFW 11463	Kyle Blumhorst James Dunbar	absent
Navy Club Ship 32	Ed Obrien Phil Brown 2179715430	absent
Military Order of Purple Heart	Pete Dowding <peter.m.dowding@gmail.com> Ed Hein <ed535hein@gmail.com>	absent
CWV	Joan Garvert joan.garvert@sbcglobal.net Dale Smith shelby71@sbcglobal.net	Dale Smith
Korean War Veterans	Rex Berry 2179714420 r.berry1212@comcast.net	absent
Marine Corp League	Bill Wollen Robert Earl	absent
Vietnam Veterans of America	Jerry Hernstien <cntygam@aol.com> Otis Caudle ottis054@yahoo.com	Jerry Hernstien
ITAM	Tom Kelly	absent

5. Reading of minutes (Motion made to dispense, since the minutes were emailed)

Gael Kent moved to accept the minutes and Bruce O'Neil seconded.

6. Superintendents Quarterly Report (DANE)

Read and attached. We are better off than last year fiscally.

7. Old business (DANE)

A. Van Update. Good news is that the van has been spotted in Danville. There is a delay due the plates. VAC should be able to get the van soon.

8. New Business (DANE)

A. VAC will be moving from 1st floor of the Sangamon County Building. Due to covid-19, the county court was on hold and now the backlog is demanding more space and is overwhelmed. In addition, voting has added to the activity on the first floor. Walls are being torn down and privacy of veterans discussing personal issues is suspect. Four employees moved in from capitol township moved in adding to the noise and traffic which is a huge inconvenience. Don Gray moved into room 104. The County building will have a huge upgrade. As a result, the VAC will be moving to 901 S 11th street.

Initial plans showed plans for a new building showed two employees instead of three employees which was rectified in planning. The move in date is Nov 2, 2020. VAC mail will be picked up in the county 4 times a week. Behind the new building is a metal gate for employee parking and vans. There is handicap accessible parking but no security guards.

B. Dane asked if there were any questions. There was a question about the cost of the move and there are no fees. There was no disadvantage about the move outside of \$15/mo internet.

D. Budget for 2021 was available for pick up on the table.

For the Good

Post 32 Dinners. American Legion Riders will be serving FREE SOS at Springfield Post 32, The American Legion on Veteran's Day from 7 a.m. – 10 a.m. (or when it is gone) and after that from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. (or when it is gone) American Legion Post 32 will be serving FREE Ham & Beans. Nov 7

Dec 6 Pearl Harbor menu at Post 32

Post 755 has a full menu on Tuesday and Friday 5-7pm.

Melinda Church is going to donate \$4,500 in gift cards for low-income veterans.

Spaulding Memorial Golf Outing on Sep 18, 2020, went well. More successful than last 2 years. 556 bricks on the memorial. \$50 brick. Had 56 golfers. Next Sep on Sat at Edgewood.

Chatham VFW post Army Navy football 1pm kick off food

Wreaths Across America: If you are mailing the form with a check, it is need it by November 23rd. If you are going online to order you have until November 30th. Handouts available at the table to take back to your post.

NOV 7 Jeep Lovers Round-Up Hosted by VFW Lafore Lock Post 755. Join us as we round-up local Jeep lovers to showcase their jeeps in our parking lot here at Post 755!! This event is open to the public!! We have a GIANT tent for gathering and of course a full bar serving cold beverages!! Bring your Jeep to share for show or just come and browse the parking lot.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/664127477831202>

AMVETS HQ to move Nov 5 into the adjacent, old Flag World building. Nov 26, 27, and 28th they will be selling office products like tables and chairs. Members only.

Chatham VFW is putting together donation baskets.

All VFW state auxiliaries are taking food collections.

Chris Licht brought up the Pre-registration at VA cemetery. <https://www.cem.va.gov/pre-need/>

10. Retire Colors (Chris)

Next VAC meeting

Jan 20, 2021, meeting 7PM at VFW 755

Adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Connolly
Secretary