



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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Superintendent Dane K Shaffer | Chairman Frank Tyree | Vice Chairman Charles Spencer | Secretary Rose Connolly

6-22-2022

VAC QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA FOR 7-20-2022

LOCATION IS AT THE VAC, 901. SOUTH 11TH St.

1. Call to order (FRANK)
2. Salute colors (FRANK)
3. Pledge (FRANK / ALL)
4. Roll Call (ROSE)
5. Reading of minutes (Motion made to dispense, sent mailed)
6. Superintendents Quarterly Report (DANE)
7. New Business (DANE)
 - A. How the office operated when all 3 employees had COVID.
 - B. The VAC will have a booth at the State Fair.
 - C. All 3 VSOS have annual training in Peoria, 3rd week of September.
8. For Good of the Commission
9. Retire Colors (Charles)
10. Next meeting is at 7PM, Oct. 19th, 2022
Location: VAC, 901 S. 11TH St.

VAC Meeting 4/20/2022

The Veterans Commission Assistance Committee of Sangamon County was called to order by Frank Tyree on 4/20/2022 at 7PM at the Veterans Assistance Commission office, 901 S. 11th St, Springfield, IL.

1. Call to order: Chairman Frank Tyree
2. Salute colors: Vice Chairman Charles Spencer
3. Pledge (ALL)
4. Roll Call (ROSE)

AMVETS Post 61 closed	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 [email undeliverable]
American Legion 586 Pawnee	Jay Sheedy <jayliz@comcast.net>	absent
American Legion 278 Divernon	PO Box 414 Divernon, IL 62530-0414	absent
American Legion 277 Auburn	John Dautel <lucky_59@comcast.net>	John Dautel
American Legion 599 Pleasant Plains	Myron Griesheim <msgreish@gmail.com> (217)626-1003	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> Iris kirschner <iris.miranda-kirschner@comcast.net>	Rose Connolly Iris Kirschner
American Legion Post 809	Clarence Stowe <american.809@sbcglobal.com> Randy Boschulte Richard Rump	absent
VFW 755	Eugene Walker <genewalk61@gmail.com>	Gene Walker

	Steve Pratt <Steve.pratt25@yahoo.com>	
VFW Post 11463 Rochester, IL (217) 498-7574	Kyle Blumhorst James Dunbar Dave Duban	Dan Duban and Kyle Blumhorst
VFW 10302	Frank Tyree Dave Wilder	Frank Tyree
VFW 4763 Chatham Post501 W Mulberry St Chatham, IL 62629	Kim Fueten John Mizer <john.mizer9@gmail.com>	absent
Navy Club Ship 32	Phil Brown 2179715430 <pwbsg752@gmail.com>	
Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 159	DAN WELLMAN <d.wellman@sbcglobal.net> Ed Hein <ed535hein@gmail.com>	absent
Catholic War Veterans	Tim Kennedy <mrdd65@comcast.net> Dale Smith <shelby71@sbcglobal.net>	Tim Kennedy
Korean War Veterans	Rex Berry 2179714420 r.berry1212@comcast.net	excused
Marine Corp League Collier-Harrison #75 Contact: Jeffrey Wolfe 3100 Stanton St, Springfield, IL 62703 217-791-5663	Bill Wollen Robert Earl	Dan Davis
Vietnam Veterans of America	Jerry Hirstein <cntygam@aol.com> Otis Caudle <ottis054@yahoo.com>	Charles Spenser
ITAM	Mike Palazzolo <palazzolom@sbcglobal.net>	absent

5. Reading of minutes: Motion made to dispense the reading. The minutes were emailed.

Motion was made by Bruce O'Neil and second by Larry Miller to approve the minutes and motion approved.

6. Superintendents Quarterly Report (DANE) 36% increase in Interactions
Quarterly financial report April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022 was read.
Dane explained the difference between a Pension claim and a Disability compensation claim.

Motion Larry Miller second by John Dautel.

7. New Business (DANE)

The VAC needs a new full time clerk position to be hired. Qualifications must be an honorably discharged Veteran. Position changed from grade 6 instead of 3. \$22 hr.

Motion made to approve by Bruce O'Neil second Tim Kennedy. Motion

The Governor has a bill on his desk to run the VACs independent of the County. This is a huge step and will affect the statewide VACs reporting system. <http://www.iacvac.org/>

If these salaries are voted on and approved, Peoria has 7 employees and we will still have only 4. That number, if approved is still only makes up 58.6% of Peoria's salary budget line.

Pay raises Dwayne VSO paygrade 9 instead of a 3, the board approves \$54,500.

Motion to approve by John Dautel and seconded by Bruce O'Neil. Motion approved.

Property tax Budget .00034%.

Jeff Vanzuiden, is assistant superintendent from grade 6 to 11. Asking to approve a pay increase, which the board approves, to \$61,500/yr.

Larry Miller moved to approve and seconded by Dautel Motion passed.

Dane; 10 years and 11 in March VSO 10yrs. Motion was made to increase the superintendent paygrade from 13 to 15. He is currently making 29.76/hr. Asked for a pay increase to 75K. The Peoria position is making 85K. Dane started at 54.5 K.

Charles moved to increase the suggested raise to be \$80K to be more in line with other VACs and better for retention of the superintendent position.

8. For the Good of the Commission

VAC needs volunteer drivers. The Community Cares program has reduced the need for trips to VA facilities but occasionally trips are needed. VAC is asking for 1-2 days a month to be a driver.

34th Annual Illinois Vietnam Veterans Memorial Vigil May 6, 7, 8, 2022

Frank Tyree discussed reaching out to veterans they meet. It's good for them and the post you represent especially with younger veterans replacing older veterans' involvement.

Larry Miller: UTV was founded in June and I hope to see it begin in June.

Picnic for armed forces day May 20. 10 volunteers are planning to go to Quincy.

The Veterans home is still under Covid restrictions and masked. Picnic is served at noon.

April 23d. Annual Hippy Run that supports the Vietnam Vigil. Run starts at 11AM and ends at 5PM with mostaccioli dinner.

May 28: Spaulding Veterans memorial 9AM. Burial detail and CAP will participate.

Sep 10 Golf outing to Support the Spaulding Veterans Memorial.

TACO'S for VET'S Sunday, April 24 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Bruce O'Neil said that the Inter-Veterans Burial Detail needs more volunteers.

IVBD had 30 members and now 13 left. Full rifle volleys are not staffed like before and often only 3.

10. Retire Colors by Charles Spencer

11. Next meeting is at 7PM, July 20, 2022 at the VAC.

VAC meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Connolly
Secretary