

VAC Meeting 10/20/2021

The Veterans Commission Assistance Committee of Sangamon County was called to order by Chris Licht on 10/20/2021 at 7PM at the Veterans Assistance Commission office, 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	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>	Gale Kent
American Legion 759	Rosemary Connolly < rose.rosec@gmail.com > Mat Mau <	Rose Connolly

American Legion Post 809	Clarence Stowe american.809@sbcglobal.com Randy Boschulte Richard Rump	absent
VFW 755	Eugene Walker <genewalk61@gmail.com> Steve Pratt Steve.pratt25@yahoo.com	Gene Walker
VFW 8157 Auburn Memorial Post 402 W Adams Auburn, IL 62615 District: 10	Anthony Bellin Ray Ragan Chris Licht (Ph 438-6087) (TCSChris@yahoo.com)	absent
VFW 10302	Frank Tyree Dave Wilder	Frank Tyree
VFW 4763 Chatham Post501 W Mulberry St Chatham, IL 62629 District: 10	Kim Fueten John Mizer john.mizer9@gmail.com	absent
VFW 11463 700 E Main St Rochester, IL 62563 District: 10 (217) 498-7574	Kyle Blumhorst James Dunbar Dave Duban	Dave Duban
Navy Club Ship 32	Phil Brown 2179715430 <pwbsg752@gmail.com>	absent
Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 159	DAN WELLMAN < d.wellman@sbcglobal.net > Ed Hein <ed535hein@gmail.com>	absent
CWV	Tim Kennedy mrdd65@comcast.net Dale Smith shelby71@sbcglobal.net	Tim Kennedy and Dale Smith
Korean War Veterans	Rex Berry 2179714420 r.berry1212@comcast.net	absent
Marine Corp League Collier-Harrison #75 Contact: Jeffrey Wolfe	Bill Wollen Robert Earl	absent

3100 Stanton St, Springfield, IL 62703 217-791-5663		
Vietnam Veterans of America	Jerry Hirstein <cntygam@aol.com> Otis Caudle <ottis054@yahoo.com>	Jerry Hirstein
ITAM		absent

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

6. Superintendents Quarterly Report (DANE)

Financial report was handed out and read.

7. New Business (DANE)

- Vietnam veterans should be on watch mail regarding past denied claims. The VA has found new diseases can be refiled.
- The VAC will be in the Veterans Day Parade.
- 21 Tiny homes for veterans are being built on Stanton Ave for veterans.
- Jan - Dec van trips to VA facilities were handed out. We are down to only two volunteer drivers: Dale and Marvin. Decatur and Peoria twice a month. Trips to Danville run 4 times a month. Volunteer drivers need a physical, a regular driver's license and a VA Identification card. Patient riders have to get in/out of the van on their own power.
- VAC has positions for 3 work study students to help in the office. Must be a veteran using Gi bill benefits or a dependent on GI bill benefits of a disabled sponsor. A work study can do school work while assisting VAC staff with phone calls, walkins, etc. Minimum wage is paid but there is no social security or taxes deducted. Students can set their own hours.
- “Community Care” program is available for local medical needs.

8. For Good of the Commission

***Crystal Womack will be at the meeting and basically organizer of the parade. Two high school bands have been committed already lined up. Reception after the veterans parade at 10302. Post 32 has free SOS on veterans day.**

***A wish list for the Quincy Home was shared. Larry Miller will be going to the Quincy home in December in case there is anything on the list he can take there. The wish list will be posted on the VAC facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/myvac.org>**

*** Camp out for the homeless at [MB Heating & Cooling, Inc.](#) on Friday, October 22 to help out [Fifth Street Renaissance/SARA Center](#). Prizes will be awarded for the best box shelters!**

10. Retire Colors by Charles Spencer

11. Next meeting is at 7PM, Jan 19, 2022. at the VAC.

VAC meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Rosemary Connolly
Secretary