



**Quarterly Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**  
Quarter 4 Fiscal Year 2022  
Recorded on 10/19/22

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

## I. Call to order

A meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission Board of Directors was publicly held at 901 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Springfield, IL 62703 on 10/19/2022. The proceedings were held in accordance with Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/) with notices emailed and mailed to voting members and public notice given via social media (Facebook) and the VAC website ([www.myvac.org](http://www.myvac.org)).

- a) The **Call to Order** was made by VAC Chairman, Frank Tyree.
- b) The **Salute of the Colors** was ordered by VAC Chairman, Frank Tyree.
- c) The **Pledge of Allegiance** was directed by VAC Chairman, Frank Tyree.
- d) The **Roll Call** was taken by VAC Secretary, Rose Connolly.
- e) The **Quorum** was confirmed by VAC Secretary, Rose Connolly.

## II. Attendees

Special guest attendees included: (not applicable).

Voting members in attendance and not in attendance:

Voting Member	Electors	Contact Method	Attendance
AMVETS Post 94 Springfield, IL	Primary: Larry Miller Alternate: Ashti Dawson Alternate: Shawn Miller	<a href="mailto:lrmsvm@comcast.net">lrmsvm@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:Ashti.dawson@gmail.com">Ashti.dawson@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:wolfemill@yahoo.com">wolfemill@yahoo.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> x
American Legion Post 32 Springfield, IL	Primary: Bruce O'Neil Alternate: Gerald Bellatti Alternate: Mike Walton	<a href="mailto:bwojlo1@gmail.com">bwojlo1@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:jieerv@aol.com">jieerv@aol.com</a> <a href="mailto:walton73@outlook.com">walton73@outlook.com</a>	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 274 Rochester, IL	Primary: Gale Kent Alternate:	<a href="mailto:kamper279@comcast.net">kamper279@comcast.net</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 277	Primary: John Dautel	<a href="mailto:luckv_59@comcast.net">luckv_59@comcast.net</a>	x

Auburn, IL	Alternate: Chris Licht		<input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 278 Divernon, IL	Primary: Paul Bell Alternate: James Ayers	PO Box 414 Divernon, IL 62530-0414	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 508	Primary: Myron Griesheim Alternate: Jimmy Floyd	?	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 586 Pawnee, IL	Primary: Jay Sheedy Alternate:	closed	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 599 Pleasant Plaines, IL	Primary: Myron Griesheim Alternate:	Exists but Not active and Iris said don't know where they meet.	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 759	Primary: Rosemary Connolly Alternate: Iris Kirschner	<a href="mailto:rose.rosec@gmail.com">rose.rosec@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:iris.miranda-kirschner@comcast.net">iris.miranda-kirschner@comcast.net</a>	x x
American Legion Post 809	Primary: Clarence Stowe Alternate: Randy Boschulte Alternate: Richard Rump	<a href="mailto:American.809@sbcglobal.com">American.809@sbcglobal.com</a>	x <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic War Veterans	Primary: Tim Kennedy Alternate: Dale Smith	<a href="mailto:mrdd65@comcast.net">mrdd65@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:shelby71@sbcglobal.net">shelby71@sbcglobal.net</a>	x <input type="checkbox"/>
Korean War Veterans	Primary: Rex Berry Alternate:	<a href="mailto:r.berry1212@comcast.net">r.berry1212@comcast.net</a> excused	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Italian Am. War Veterans Springfield, IL	Primary: Mike Palazzolo Alternate:	<a href="mailto:palazzolom@sbcglobal.net">palazzolom@sbcglobal.net</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Corp League, Collier-Harrison Post #75	Primary: Bill Wollen Alternate: Robert Earl	C/O Jeffrey Wolfe, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 62703	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 159	Primary: Dan Wellman Alternate: Ed Hein	<a href="mailto:d.wellman@sbcglobal.net">d.wellman@sbcglobal.net</a> <a href="mailto:ed535hein@gmail.com">ed535hein@gmail.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Navy Club Ship 32	Primary: Phil Brown Alternate:	<a href="mailto:pwbse752@gmail.com">pwbse752@gmail.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
VFW Post 755 Springfield, IL	Primary: Eugene Walker Alternate: Steve Pratt	<a href="mailto:genewalk61@gmail.com">genewalk61@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Steve.pratt25@yahoo.com">Steve.pratt25@yahoo.com</a>	x <input type="checkbox"/>
VFW Post 10302 Springfield, IL	Primary: Frank Tyree Alternate: Mikle Siere	<a href="mailto:bmctyree@gmail.com">bmctyree@gmail.com</a>	x <input type="checkbox"/>
VFW Post 4763 214 W Chestnut St, Chatham	Primary: Kimberly Fuiten Alternate: John Mizer	<a href="mailto:Kimberly.fuiten@illinois.gov">Kimberly.fuiten@illinois.gov</a> <a href="mailto:john.mizer9@gmail.com">john.mizer9@gmail.com</a>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
VFW Post 11463 Rochester, IL	Primary: Kyle Blumhorst Alternate: James Dunbar Alternate: Dave Duban	217-498-7574 (Post phone)	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> x

### III. Approval of minutes

The previous quarter's minutes were posted publicly ([www.myvac.org](http://www.myvac.org)) as well as being distributed to voting members by whichever means they have selected as a preferred delivery method. As a result, a **Motion to Dispense** of the previous meeting minutes was made by B O'Neil, seconded by L Miller. Motion approved.

### IV. Reports

The Superintendents Quarterly Report was covered by VAC Superintendent, Dane Shaffer. Hard copies were distributed to those present and publicly posted ([www.myvac.org](http://www.myvac.org)).

Jeff Vanzuden discussed Website will list veterans owned businesses. See attachment to the minutes.

PRESS RELEASE: VAC Issues Three Resolutions on Wednesday Night

Resolution Number 22-1 (Relating to VAC Employee Compensation)

Resolution Number 22-2 (Relating to Current VAC Positions)

Resolution Number 22-3 (Relating to the Establishment of a Super CBOC)

Sangamon County Touts Assistance For Veterans

### V. Unfinished business

The previous discussion on the status of VAC staff pay raises was discussed by VAC Superintendent, Dane Shaffer. This project is still in progress and will be continued to the Q1 2023 Quarterly Meeting.

### VI. New business

Camp Lejeune claims (PAC act) will not help those with current disabilities and could cause their ratings to be reevaluated. Veteran could lose in the end. Jeff recommended the lump sum vs the monthly benefit. Persian Gulf claims will affect many more than the Camp Lejeune claims.

Iris moved that resolution 22-1 to hire 2 new VAC and an executive assistant. Motion approved with one abstention. Iris moved to vote on Resolution 22-2 seconded by Tim Kennedy on current positions. Motion passed.

Bobby Edwards in cooperation with the VAC to declare "Super Community Based Out-patient Clinic (CBOC)," within the city of Springfield, IL Resolution 22-3. Moved by Iris and John D moved to accept this resolution. Motion passed.

The election of VAC board officers was approved for a two year term as follows: secretary; Rose Connolly, Vice chairman; Tim Kennedy, and chairman; Frank Tyree.

## VII. Announcements (For the Good of the Commission)

Elks Lodge #158 Veterans Day Luncheon Nov 4, 2022 noon. (217) 529-0158

Mayor's Veteran's Reception Nov 10, 2022 at American Legion Post 809

HONVEE tickets for a ceremony honoring veterans at VFW Post 755 on are \$35 or \$25 for vegetarians. VAC has tickets available. No tickets available at the door.

Financial forum for veterans will be held Jan 19th at VFW 10302 @ 5:30 followed by a Q&A.

## VIII. Closing of Affairs

- a) The **Retiring of the Colors** was conducted by VAC Chairman, Frank Tyree.
- b) The **next Public VAC Meeting** was pronounced by VAC Secretary, Rose Connolly to be held on **Jan 19, 2023 at 7:00 PM** at the location of the VAC Offices (901 S. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Springfield, IL 62703).
- c) The **Meeting Adjournment** was made by VAC Chairman, Frank Tyree at 8:30 PM (Central/Standard) on the same day as the meeting began.

Recorded and given by,

<i>Rosemary Connolly</i>
Rose Connolly, Secretary of the VAC

10/24/2022
Date of approval