

 <p>VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF SANGAMON COUNTY</p>	<p>Quarterly Meeting Meeting Minutes Quarter 1 Fiscal Year 2023 Recorded on 4/19/23</p>
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Superintendent: Dane K. Shaffer | Chairman: Frank Tyree | Vice Chairman: Tim Kennedy | Secretary: Rose Connolly

I. Call to order

A meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission Board of Directors was publicly held at VFW Post 755 211 Old Jacksonville Rd, Springfield, IL 62703 on 7/19/2023. 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).

- 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

Voting members in attendance and not in attendance:

Voting Member	Electors	Contact Method	Attendance	
AMVETS Post 94 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Ashti Dawson Shawn Miller	ashti.dawson@gmail.com wolfemill@yahoo.com	<input type="checkbox"/> x
American Legion Post 32 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Bruce O'Neil Mike Walton William Louder	bwojlo1@gmail.com walton73@outlook.com	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> x
American Legion Post 274 Rochester, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Gale Kent	kamper279@comcast.net	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 277 Auburn, IL	Primary: Alternate:	John Dautel Anthony Bellin	lucky_59@comcast.net adb3579@gmail.com	x x
American Legion Post 278 Divernon, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Paul Bell James Ayers	PO Box 414 Divernon, IL 62530-0414	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
American Legion Post 759	Primary: Alternate:	Rosemary Connolly Iris Kirschner	rose.rosec@gmail.com	x x

		Les Morgan	iris.miranda-kirschner@comcast.net	X
American Legion Post 809	Primary: Alternate: Alternate:	Clarence Stowe Randy Boschulte Richard Rump	American.809@sbcglobal.com	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Catholic War Veterans	Primary: Alternate:	Tim Kennedy Dale Smith	mrdd65@comcast.net shelby71@sbcglobal.net	X <input type="checkbox"/>
Italian Am. War Veterans Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Mike Palazzolo	palazzolom@sbcglobal.net	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Marine Corp League, Collier-Harrison Post #75C/O Jeffrey Wolfe, 3100 Stanton St., Springfield, IL 62703	Primary: Alternate:	Dan Davis Sue Gibbons	mcil15rhdistrict@gmail.com sgibb1@uis.edu	X X
Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter 159	Primary: Alternate:	Dan Wellman Ed Hein	d.wellman@sbcglobal.net ed535hein@gmail.com	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
Navy Club Ship 32	Primary: Alternate:	Mark Anderson Bill Woollen	seabee644@yahoo.com wawoollen@comcast.net	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>
VFW Post 755 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Josh Seed Eugene Walker	jseed22@yahoo.com zenewalk61@gmail.com	<input type="checkbox"/> X
VFW Post 10302 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Dale Abbott Mike Woodcox	dale3413591@gmail.com mwoodcox48@gmail.com	X
VFW Post 4763	Primary: Alternate:	Kimberly Fuiten Jay Hoffman	kimberlyfuiten@yahoo.com jay_713@hotmail.com	X X
VFW Post 11463 Rochester, IL 217-498-7574 (Post)	Primary: Alternate:	Kyle Blumhorst James Duban	kyleblumhorst@yahoo.com jduban@aol.com	<input type="checkbox"/> X
guests				

III. Approval of minutes

Members voted to dispense with reading of the last quarter minutes because hard copies were passed out. Minutes approved.

The Superintendents Quarterly Report was read by VAC Superintendent, Dane Shaffer. Hard copies were distributed to those present and publicly posted. The quarterly report for the 2d quarter 2022 was compared with the 2d quarter of 2023. The numbers were down.

NEW BUSINESS

Shawn Miller introduced the committee that reviewed the by laws dated in 2012. Copies of the by laws were handed out. Open meetings act was included in the proposed changes because our funds come from the public. Add a fourth position to the board provost marshal. Appeals board for financial aid. A little more oversight.

Frank Tyree said that we should take the by-laws home and look over carefully for a vote at the next meeting.

Frank said we need an outreach committee to get back for a quorum to vote. Some posts have not been at the meetings in a long time.

2024 Budget

IV. Unfinished business

The previous discussion on the status of VAC staff pay raises was discussed by VAC Superintendent, Dane Shaffer. The April 2022 raises that have been voted are not received by the staff. there is a shortfall of .02% .

Tim Moore (from the VSO training) recommended we go through Josh Herman, an attorney out of Peoria reach out on behalf of the body of this VAC commission. He can get it solved with an email or phone call. Motion was made that as a committee we go forth representing the veterans of Sangamon County with backing if necessary the county doesn't want to give up that 2%. backed by a letter from the committee chair post and commanders to fight for VAC. The Commission is coming together with all the veterans that we represent to the county or we will get a lawyer. Motion passed.

V. New business

The location of the VAC is moving soon. Township wants their building back. A location on Old Jacksonville rd and Rt 4 on NW corner known as the Freedom Building. Suggested location has room to expand parking a little further away from town. Ernie Moody, owner, is a veteran . Price \$3,000 a month includes utilities. He wants the office to buy the existing furniture. The current VAC has county hand-me-down furniture that needs to be upgraded. Biran McFadden needs to approve the plan to move. Comparatively, the Peoria office rent is \$3,500 month. Dane said he will send video tours of the building to those that leave a cell phone number to text the videos.

Frank Tyree announced that Dane is resigning as superintendent to concentrate on Veterans Service Officer assistance. He has 90 days to submit this resignation but will wait to abide by the new by-laws get approved at our next quarterly meeting.

VI. Old business

VII. For the Good of the Commission

Sep 19-22 Jeff and Dane will be out of the office

Frank, Our new VSO will not be going to Peoria; training will be online.

Aug 13 he VAC will have an outreach table state fair

Aug 4 The VAC will have an outreach table Comer-Cox park

Aug 5 The VAC will have an outreach table 183d 75th Anniversary open house

VIII. Closing

- a) The Announcement of the next public meeting was pronounced by VAC Secretary, Rose Connolly to be held on Oct 18, 2023 at 7:00 PM (Central/Standard) at the location to be determined. The Retiring of the Colors was conducted by VAC Vice Chairman, Tim Kennedy.
- b) The Meeting Adjournment was made by VAC Chairman, Frank Tyree at 8:03 PM (Central/Standard) on the same day as the meeting began.

Recorded and given by,

Rosemary Connolly

Rose Connolly, Secretary of the VAC

7/19/2023

Date of approval