



# Quarterly Meeting Meeting Minutes

Quarter 4 Fiscal Year 2023  
Recorded on 10/18/2023

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**Superintendent: Dane K. Shaffer | Chairperson: Frank Tyree | Vice Chairperson: 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 Road, Springfield, IL. 62703 on 10/18/2023. 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](http://www.myvac.org)).

- a) The Call to Order was made by VAC Vice Chairman, Tim Kennedy
- b) The Salute of the Colors was ordered by VAC Vice Chairman, Tim Kennedy
- c) The Pledge of Allegiance was directed by VAC Vice Chairman, Tim Kennedy
- d) The Roll Call was taken by VAC Vice Chairman, Tim Kennedy
- e) The Quorum was confirmed by VAC Vice Chairman, Tim Kennedy

## II. Attendees

Voting members in attendance and not in attendance:

Voting Member	Electors	Contact Method	Attendance	
AMVETS Post 94 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate: Alternate:	Ashti Dawson Shawn Miller Lawrence Miller	<a href="mailto:Ashti.dawson@gmail.com">Ashti.dawson@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:wolfemill@yahoo.com">wolfemill@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:lrmsvm@comcast.net">lrmsvm@comcast.net</a>	No Yes Yes
American Legion Post 32 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternate:	William Mowder Mike Walton	<a href="mailto:Bill.mowder@yahoo.com">Bill.mowder@yahoo.com</a>	Yes No
American Legion Post 277 Auburn, IL	Primary: Alternate:	John Dautel	<a href="mailto:Lucky_59@comcast.net">Lucky_59@comcast.net</a>	Yes No
American Legion Post 278 Divernon, IL	Primary: Alternate:	Paul Bell James Ayers		No No
American Legion Post 759 Chatham, IL	Primary: Alternate: Alternate:	Rosemary Connolly Iris Kirschner Les Morgan	<a href="mailto:Rose.rosecc@gmail.com">Rose.rosecc@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Iris.miranda-kirschner@comcast.net">Iris.miranda-kirschner@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:asarge@peoplepc.com">asarge@peoplepc.com</a>	No No Yes

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American Legion Post 809 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Clarence Stowe Delmer Flournoy	<a href="mailto:American.809@sbcglobal.com">American.809@sbcglobal.com</a> <a href="mailto:flournoydelmer@gmail.com">flournoydelmer@gmail.com</a>	No No
Catholic War Veterans Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Tim Kennedy Dale Smith	<a href="mailto:Mrdd65@comcast.net">Mrdd65@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:Shelby71@sbcglobal.net">Shelby71@sbcglobal.net</a>	Yes No
Italian American War Veterans Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Mike Palazzolo	<a href="mailto:palazzolom@sbcglobal.net">palazzolom@sbcglobal.net</a>	No
Marine Corps League #75 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Dan Davis Sue Gibbons	<a href="mailto:Mclil5rhdistrict@gmail.com">Mclil5rhdistrict@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Sgibb1@uis.edu">Sgibb1@uis.edu</a>	Yes No
Military Order of the Purple Heart Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Dan Wellman Ed Hein	<a href="mailto:d.wellman@sbcglobal.net">d.wellman@sbcglobal.net</a> <a href="mailto:ed535hein@gmail.com">ed535hein@gmail.com</a>	No No
Navy Club Ship 32 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Mark Anderson Phil Brown	<a href="mailto:Seabee644@yahoo.com">Seabee644@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:Pwbsg752@gmail.com">Pwbsg752@gmail.com</a>	Yes Yes
VFW Post 755 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Josh Seed Eugene Walker	<a href="mailto:jseed22@yahoo.com">jseed22@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:Genewalk61@gmail.com">Genewalk61@gmail.com</a>	Yes No
VFW Post 10302 Springfield, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Dale Abbott Mike Woodcox	<a href="mailto:Dale3413591@gmail.com">Dale3413591@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:Mwoodcox48@gmail.com">Mwoodcox48@gmail.com</a>	No No
VFW Post 4763 Chatham, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Kimberly Yantis Jay Hoffman	<a href="mailto:kimberlyfuiten@yahoo.com">kimberlyfuiten@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:jay_713@hotmail.com">jay_713@hotmail.com</a>	Yes No
VFW Post 11463 Rochester, IL	Primary: Alternat e:	Kyle Blumhorst James Duban	<a href="mailto:kyleblumhorst@yahoo.com">kyleblumhorst@yahoo.com</a> <a href="mailto:jduban@aol.com">jduban@aol.com</a>	No Yes

### III. Approval of Minutes

Members voted to dispense with reading of the last quarter meeting minutes because hard copies were provided at the meeting. Minutes approved by Shawn Miller and Bill Mowder.

The Superintendent's Quarterly Report was read by VAC Superintendent, Dane Shaffer. Hard copies were distributed to those present and publicly posted. The quarterly report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2022 was compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2023.

### IV. Unfinished Business

#### a) **By-laws:**

We have Sangamon County attorneys that can look over our VAC by-laws. We have the authority to write them. A lot of this information came from an attorney. A Lake County attorney helped with the above.

Shawn Miller mentioned about the Assistant Superintendent already written into the new by-laws. This was written into the by-laws as of April 2022.

A motion was made by Bill Mowder with a second to accept the by-laws. Reach Out Committee discussed to bring back former members to bring with them delegates in order for voting purposes. This means 50% plus 1 for each meeting according to the Open Meetings Act.

According to the Veterans Act and the Open Meetings Act, training needs to be done by all the delegates and alternates. A vote was taken by the raising of hands of 12 delegates and the motion passed.



b) **Freedom Building:**

The gentlemen did not want to get rid of the office space at the Freedom Building. A new location has been chosen. The address is **2803 Old Rochester Road, Suite A, Springfield, IL. 62703.**

Not big enough space to have meetings but good enough for storage. They want \$1300 first year, \$1350 second year and \$1400 for the third year. Have to pay for own utilities.

c) **Meeting Location for Future Quarterly Meetings:**

It was discussed that for the January 2024 quarterly meeting, it will be held at VFW 755 on Old Jacksonville Road at 7pm. Chatham VFW will be available for the July 2024 meeting. A vote needs to be taken at each meeting as to where to meet for the next meeting. A motion was made with a second. Motion passed.

## V. New Business

### **Resignation of Dane as VAC Superintendent:**

According to the Agenda, Dane will resign as VAC Superintendent as of October 31, 2023. He wants to be a Veteran Service Officer for the VAC. His salary for this new position is being discussed. He is making \$75k at the present time as Superintendent. A motion is made that Dane will be making \$65k per year. What is our Budget at the present time? The \$10k be used as a bonus? This motion has been tabled.

## VI. For the Good of the Commission

### A. **Discussion of the Veterans Golf Outing:**

According to Larry M and Shawn Miller, this year's Golf Outing was held at Spaulding Oaks. There were 19 teams and they raised \$6k for the Honor Flight Program. Shawn does the Golf Outing the Thursday before Labor Day.

### B. **Options for Veterans Day:**

The Veterans Day Parade will start at 11<sup>th</sup> and Capitol and go down 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to the Capital Building. Before the Parade, breakfast will be served at VFW 755 from 7am to 10am. After the Parade, lunch will be served from 11am to 1pm. Dinner will be served later in the day.

### C. **Other Activities:**

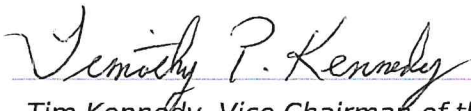
- VFW 755 will be holding a blood drive on Friday, November 10, 2023. They have teamed up with other VFWs as a joint blood drive.
- Chatham VFW will have a ceremony at the American Legion Post 759 on the Square beginning at 11am. In case of rain, it will be held inside.
- The Quincy Home has a new ATV!!!!
- AMVETS will have a "Trivia Night" and there is a Quilt Raffle until November 13.
- New blankets will be delivered to the Washington Street Mission and to the Salvation Army.
- Keith Wetherell donated 10k pairs of socks to the AMVETS and Quincy Home said that they did not need any.

- Frank Tyree mentioned that he buys case of H2O and gets donated socks he takes around to homeless Vets in his van.
- **Note:** Frank Tyree stepped down as Chairman of the VAC at the end of the October meeting and will not run for election in January 2024.
- VFW 755 will have jump houses for both adults and kids, face painting, ponies, bands, etc.

**The next VAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at 7pm at VFW 755**

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These meeting minutes were recorded and given by:



Tim Kennedy, Vice Chairman of the VAC

11/15/2023

Date of approval