

Veterans Assistance Commission of Clinton County

Meeting: 28 May 2025, 1900

Clinton County Board Room

Minutes

- 1) Welcome to all present. Meeting called to order at 1900.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag, all present recited the Pledge.
- 3) Roll Call

Post	Delegate/Alternate	Present/Absent
American Legion Post 0778 Trenton	D – Arnold (Jay) Hilmes	P
	A – Annie Rohe	A
VFW Post 3523 Carlyle	D – Richard Schulte	A
	A – Ken Goodman	A
American Legion Post 1239 Aviston	D – Mark Hilmes	P
	A – Cindy Kues	A
American Legion Post 0321 New Baden	D – John Fridley	A
	A – Wayne Madson	P
CC Vietnam Vets Chapter 269	D - Ferdie Mueller VChair	P
	A – Dave Maue	P
American Legion Post 0976 Bartelso	D - Rachele Smith Chair	P
	A – Corey Menkhaus	A
American Legion Post 0252 Breese	D – Joshua Bunch	A
	A – Dudley Madon	P
American Legion Post 1026 Albers	D – Tamara Farington Sec	P
	A – Aaron Netemeyer	A
American Legion Post 1227 Beckemeyer	D – Robert Langenhorst	P
	A – Joe Timmermann	P
Clinton County Rep, non-voting member	Mike Hilmes	A
	Quorum	Yes

- 4) Introductions/Others Present - None
- 5) Public Comment - None
- 6) Approval of 4/23/25 minutes. Wayne M. made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Jay H. 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Old Business

- 7) Review budget – the Commission reviewed and discussed the VACCC budget. Wayne M. made a motion to accept the budget as written; Dave M. 2nd the motion, motion passed. Holly to contact the Finance Committee of the CC Board and to be put on their agenda for the meeting on 6/11/25 at 6pm, Board Room. (closed)
- 8) Open Meeting Training. Commissioners have 90 days to complete the training (7/23/25). Please print your certificate and give it to Holly or Tamara. (open)

New Business

- 9) Should the VACCC re-sign the By-laws? The answer is “no”. Tamara F. and Dudley M. did sign the By-laws at this meeting. (closed)
- 10) Holly to call the Health Administrator of the CC Health Department to discuss possible office space for the VACCC. (open)
- 11) VACCC Facebook page. Rachele S. will utilize the FB page for the VACCC first started by Greg R. that belonged to the Veterans Committee of the CC board. (closed)

- 12) CC Vietnam Vets Ch 269 is asking the CC VSOs for their thoughts to add Bernard A. Foppe to the CC War Memorial outside the courthouse. Corporal Foppe was a casualty of WW1 and is buried in Thiaucourt, France. He was in the Army, 7th Division, 34th Infantry Regiment. He resided in Breese, IL. (closed)
- 13) Rachele S. was asked by a CC resident, Ruth Marcus to try to find the Military medals of her Uncle, Gustav Holthaus. He was a WW1 soldier who was injured 20 July 1918 and died of his wounds 23 July 1918. The family wants to create a shadow box of his awards and place in the Beckemeyer Legion. (closed)

Adjournment. Motion made by Dudley M. and 2nd by Mark H. to adjourn, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 2020.

Next meeting: 6/25/2025 at 1900 at the Clinton County Board Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Clark, Facilitator