

## Veterans Assistance Commission of Clinton County

Meeting: 25 August 2025, 1900

Clinton County Board Room

### Minutes

- 1) Welcome to all present. Meeting called to order at 1903.
- 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	P
	A – Ken Goodman	A
American Legion Post 1239 Aviston	D – Mark Hilmes	P
	A – Cindy Kues	A
American Legion Post 0321New Baden	D – John Fridley	P
	A – Wayne Madson	A
CC Vietnam Vets Chapter 269	D - Ferdie Mueller <b>VChair</b>	P
	A – Dave Maue	P
American Legion Post 0976 Bartelso	D - Rachele Smith <b>Chair</b>	P
	A – Corey Menkhaus	A
American Legion Post 0252 Breese	D – Joshua Bunch	A
	A – Dudley Madon	A
American Legion Post 1026 Albers	D – Tamara Farington <b>Sec</b>	P
	A – Aaron Netemeyer	A
American Legion Post 1227 Beckemeyer	D – Robert Langenhorst	A
	A – Joe Timmermann	P
Clinton County Rep, non-voting member	Mike Hilmes	P
	Quorum	Yes

- 4) Introductions/Others Present –Colbey Voss, VACCC Superintendent, Doug Stewart, legal advisor. Doug Jameson, VFW liaison for VACs. Ken Knolhoff, CC board member, Holly Clark VAC Facilitator.
- 5) Public Comment - None
- 6) Approval of 7/23/25 minutes. John F. made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Richard S. 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion, motion passed.

### Old Business

- 1) Open meeting training (7/23/25) - Still needed from: Kenny Goodman, Wayne Madson, Corey Menkhaus, Joshua Bunch
- 2) Update: work with County
  - a) Budget- Some changes have been requested for our next years budget, such as cutting veteran assistance budget from \$32,000 to \$22,000. Will be going back to them to request our budget stay at what we originally asked for. County Budget meeting is Sep. 17th 18:30
  - b) Office space- Office located on the 3rd floor of the courthouse Rm. 230.
- 3) Results of interview process- Colbey Voss has been hired as the VACCC Superintendent, hire date of September 1st 2025. He has registered us with the National Association of County VSO's. Doing VSO

training from Sept. 15-19 in East Peoria. Attending Basic Benefits Course Oct 20-24th. Need to have Tyler Benefit Software. Still looking into getting a phone line connected with the Sheriff's office. Creating a new Facebook page. Will be out of office September 29th-October 3rd

- 4) Chairperson Smith's Veteran program update- was able to help a surviving spouse of a veteran. She is now in a nursing home and getting financial aid. Still working on getting WWI veteran, who died in combat and files were burnt in the fire in St. Louis, to get his case reopened and evaluate if his actions will justify a Purple Heart.

### **New Business**

- 5) VACCC legal representation- Doug Stewart has been assisting us as we were starting up, and would like to be our legal representation moving forward. Retainer of \$1250 a month for a one year contract, would cover all legal representation including litigation issues if any would arise. Working for 2 other counties. Motion made to have legal counsel, and have it added to our budget as a just and necessary expense. Mark H. made motion Dave Maue 2nd motion passed
- 6) Hip-pocket training webinar related to VAC budgets- September 4th at 11:30 a.m

Adjourn. Motion/2<sup>nd</sup>/vote- Richard S motion, Mark H 2nd motion passed

Next meeting: 9/22/25 7 PM