

Veterans Committee
MEETING MINUTES
Clinton County Board Room
June 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM

Greg Riechman, Chairman

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chairman, Greg Riechman.

2. OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE

Greg Riechman shared a prayer and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Committee Members Present: Holly Clark, Mike Hilmes

4. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Six guests were recognized via the sign-in sheet.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Holly Clark to approve the 05-16-24 minutes and seconded by Mike Hilmes. Motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

Jim Beasley Veterans Tribute Committee Update

Other than Greg Riechman, no representatives from this committee were present.

Greg Riechman reminded the group that we need your help at future events to focus our efforts on educating the children of the counties in the college's district.

Greg Riechman reminded everyone that the next street corner collection effort to raise funds will be held in Centralia on Saturday, September 7th.

The next Committee Meeting will be held at Kaskaskia College on Monday, June 24th at 9:30 AM.

Veteran 2 Veteran of Bond County (V2VBC)

Holly Clark shared that their next meeting will be held at the Greenville First United Methodist Church @6:30 PM on Tuesday, June 25th.

VVA Chapter 269 Update

The VVA Chapter 269 Annual Golf Tournament that was held on June 8th at Governor's Run was a great success.

Installation of a new light for the new flag pole will be completed at a future date. Greg Riechman will reach out to Sheriff Travous regarding this work. Additionally, a large plaque is in the process of being built.

7. NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Whispering Pines of Clinton County

Greg Riechman reminded everyone about the following five events that will be held in the near future:

- Wounded Warrior Project Family Camping Event (Saturday/Sunday, June 22nd/23rd)
- Family Fun Day (Saturday, June 29th @1-4 PM)
- Annual "Together We Can Make A Difference" Fundraiser at Hondo's in Bartelso (Saturday, August 17th @2 PM)
- Veterans Appreciation Day (Saturday, September 7th @10 AM)
- Blessing of the Hunters Prayer Service (Sunday, October 13th @Noon)

Honor Flight Update

Greg Riechman continues to work with Carl Huels and representatives from Springfield to sign up Clinton County Veterans for the following Honor Flights:

- Tuesday, August 27th
- Tuesday, October 15th
- April 2025

Wreaths Across America Event (Saturday, December 14, 2024)

Stan and Charlie Todd reported that things are going well for Bartelso and that they plan to host a lemonade/snack stand in the near future.

In addition to Bartelso, we are all working with representatives from the following communities to also participate in this event:

- Albers
- Aviston
- Carlyle/Posey/Hoffman
- Germantown

8. MEETING CADENCE

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 15th @6 PM in the Board Room.

9. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Hilmes, seconded by Holly Clark. Motion carried.