



Report of members on sick list ----- SUPT. HARLOW  
Motioned: Second: Outcome:

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Todd Harlow retirement – Harlow

New Superintendent due to retirement of Harlow -- Harlow

Budget amendment (Increasing the overall budget from \$824,813 to \$874, 813 which will include \$500,560 for staff salaries). – Harlow

Vietnam Veterans Day observance 29 MAR 2025 930AM -- Harlow

VETPRO Numbers – Silvis

Administrative Assistant job requisition / hired – Bigford

VSO position hiring – Bigford

Anonymously Grateful -- Silvis

VEAC EVENT - 27-28 JUNE 2025 Black Hawk College

Open Meetings Act & Freedom of Information Act online training (**if needed, schedule a date / time with Erlinda to use VAC office computer**)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

New Administrative Assistant/future VSO Jason Willits – Bigford

New VSO hired: Cory Hawk – Bigford

Currently hiring new Administrative Assistant – Bigford

Tiny Vet Homes RI donation payment 17 APR 2025/groundbreaking 25 APR 25 2pm—Bigford

- Tom Courtney is going to coordinate color guard for the groundbreaking on 25 APR 25.

Milan American Legion 14 APR 2025 Brad and Todd meeting with board -- Bigford

Anthony Clifford last day working at RICOVAC 09 MAY 2025 – Harlow

Todd Harlow Retirement update – Harlow

- Todd said his final day will be 15 MAY 25.

New Superintendent (Bigford) effective start date – Harlow

- Per Todd Harlow, Brad's effective date will be 12 MAY 25.

VETPRO numbers – Silvis

- Averaged over 3 new veterans/ day on average in March per Parris.

Armed Forces Day Rock Island Arsenal (Parris/Jason)—Silvis

VEAC EVENT - 27-28 JUNE 2025 Black Hawk College—Bigford

- Over 400 veterans attended last time.
- Brad, Parris, Jason & Cory will be working

New Veteran Service Organizations elections? -- Bigford

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## **OTHER BUSINESS**

- Todd proposes a motion to add Brad to the checking account & CD fund on 12 MAY 25.  
Motioned: Tom Courtney    Second: Ed Klundt    Outcome: Passed
- Korean War Vets local chapter is disbanding per Dennis Johnson.
- Name propositions for Tiny Homes: Lane Evans Landing  
Motion: Meinke    Second: Al Bradley    Outcome: Passed

None at this time

## **ADJOURN**

**Motion: Ed Klundt    Second: Terry Young**



February 2025 County Monies Budget Report -----KEVIN KILKENNY

Approve:

Motioned: Terry Young

Second: Ed Klundt

Outcome: Passed

January 2025 Emergency Relief & Medical Equipment Fund -----KEVIN KILKENNY

Approve:

Motioned: Ed Klundt

Second: Brian Habel

Outcome: Passed

February 2025 Emergency Relief & Medical Equipment Fund -----KEVIN KILKENNY

Approve:

Motioned: Terry Young

Second: Ed Klundt

Outcome: Passed

January 2025 Relief Report -----SUPT. HARLOW

Motioned: Ed Klundt

Second: Brian Habel

Outcome: Passed

February 2025 Relief Report -----SUPT. HARLOW

Motioned: Tom Courtney

Second: Alfred Bradley

Outcome: Passed

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Mr. John Chow spoke about the Veteran home development project to reintroduce and/or update the commission on the progress. End of April 2025 financial work should be complete and start of utility construction should start. Estimation completion date April 2026. Mr. Chow mentioned they have not yet started taking a list of names for tenants of housing. VA has been asked to assist in the development of criteria to qualify for housing. Question was answered that all housing will be handicapped accessible and/or adaptable. There are two bedroom and one bedroom homes. Todd H mentioned that with the Veterans we see here at the VAC, the homes could be filled pretty fast. Ground breaking ceremony April 26, 2025 @ 2pm. Invitations will be sent.

John Chow requested ideas of a name for the development. VAC agreed to develop a name for the development.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Survey for IAVAC 2024 Annual Report – Harlow

VETPRO Numbers – Bigford

2024 Annual review - Silvis

IACVAC Winter meeting – East Peoria, IL – Harlow / Silvis

Review / update Organization Data Sheets (Presidents / Delegates / Alternates)

Off boarding of Administrative Assistant

Administrative Assistant job requisition / hiring

Open Meetings Act & Freedom of Information Act online training (**if needed, schedule a date / time with Erlinda to use VAC office computer**)

Tom Courtney completed training in Feb 2025 and certs are on file.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Todd Harlow retirement – Harlow announced June 2025 will be last month.

New Superintendent needed due to retirement of Todd Harlow is needed.

Motion made to nominate and appoint Brad Bigford as the next Rock Island VAC Superintendent:  
Effective date TBD approx. June 2025

Approve:

Motion: Brian Habel

Second: Dennis Johnson

Outcome: Passed

Budget amendment request to Increase the overall 2025 budget from \$824,813 to \$874,813 which will include \$500,560 for staff salaries.

Approve:

Motion: Brian Habel

Second: Dennis Johnson

Outcome: Passed

Vietnam Veterans Day observance 29 MAR 2025 930AM -- Harlow

VETPRO Numbers read by Silvis

Brad Bigford spoke on Administrative Assistant job requisition hired – Jason Willetts (Combat Veteran) has been hired and will start March 17, 2025. Combat Veteran.

VSO position hiring plan explained by Brad Bigford and informed the board that 2 VSO position was opened this week and closes 3/20/25. Advertised on LINKDEN.

Anonymously Grateful -- Silvis

Quad City Veterans Action Experience Center will be on 27-28 JUNE 2025 Black Hawk College

Open Meetings Act & Freedom of Information Act online training (**if needed, schedule a date / time with Erlinda to use VAC office computer**)

Dennis Johnson Spoke about National Cemetery Association needing help with donation to keep on the mission of supporting Arsenal cemetery and events.

**OTHER BUSINESS** None at this time

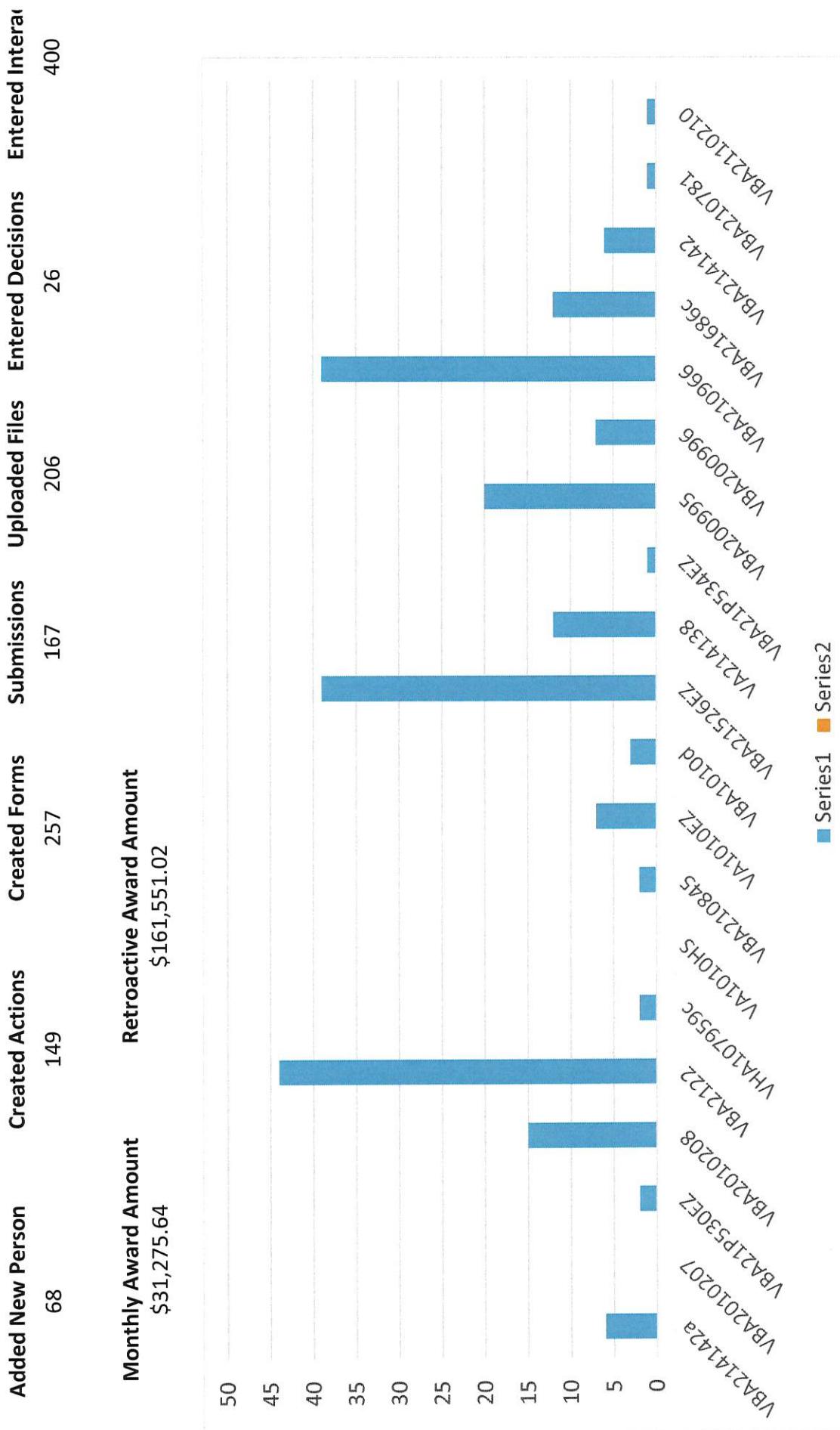
**ADJOURN**

Motioned: Dennis Johnson Second: Ed Klundt      Outcome: Passed

Completed submitted meeting minutes:

Signature Gerald E Goodwin Date 3-13-2025  
Gerald Goodwin VAC Board President

## March 2025 Vetpro Data





P: 309.788.0825  
E: [housing@communityhomepartners.com](mailto:housing@communityhomepartners.com)  
W: [communityhomepartners.com](http://communityhomepartners.com)  
TDD/TTY Use Only: 1.800.545.1833 ext 355  
227 21<sup>st</sup> Street  
Rock Island, IL 61201



March 17, 2025

Todd Harlow  
Veterans Assistance Commission  
1504 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Rock Island, IL 61201

Subject: Invitation to Veterans Housing Project Groundbreaking Ceremony

Dear Mr. Harlow,

We invite you to a momentous occasion: the groundbreaking ceremony for the Veteran Housing initiative to provide safe and supportive housing for our veterans. More than bricks and mortar, this project is about honoring our veterans' dedication by giving them the support they deserve.

In recognition of your commitment to veterans' affairs, we would be honored to have you join us for a ceremony to mark this significant milestone. This event, featuring key stakeholders and community leaders, will unveil a project that promises to impact veterans' lives positively.

We will hold the groundbreaking ceremony on:

Date: Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Time: 2:00PM

Location: 950 31<sup>st</sup> Avenue Rock Island, IL 61201

The program will include remarks from community leaders, a display of ceremonial shovels and hard hats, and refreshments. It will be an excellent opportunity to celebrate and recognize the collective effort it takes to make projects like this possible.

Please RSVP by Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 to [erodl@communityhomepartners.com](mailto:erodl@communityhomepartners.com) or 563-594-9847 so we can finalize arrangements.

We sincerely hope you will join us for this special event. We value your support of our veterans and community.



**VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY**  
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Todd Harlow - Superintendent

**MARCH 2025**  
**COUNTY MONIES BUDGET**  
**PERFORMANCE REPORT**  
**12/01/2024-11/30/2025**

**2025 VAC Annual Budget**      \$      **1,119,584.00**

**Revenue**

Property Taxes	\$	-
Investment Earnings	\$	<u>5,607.74</u>
	\$	<u><b>5,607.74</b></u>

**Expense**

**Administrative Costs**

	Approved Budget	YTD Received	YTD%
Salaries/Benefits	\$ 617,021.00	\$ 121,955.02	20%
Supplies	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 406.60	5%
Services	\$ 21,100.00	\$ 4,333.08	21%
Insurance	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 3,004.00	64%
Capital Projects	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0%
General Fund (Maximus)	\$ 23,763.00	\$ -	0%
Dues & Memberships	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 400.00	40%
Office Rent	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 17,886.00	60%
Utilities	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,384.47	35%
<b>PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 5,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 211.68</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 719,084.00</b>	<b>\$ 149,580.85</b>	<b>21%</b>

**Veteran's Relief**

	Approved Budget	YTD Received	YTD%
Food	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 6,529.95	19%
Utilities	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 4,885.56	41%
Rentals	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 27,716.45	31%
Personal Hygiene	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 4,575.39	31%
Professional Services (Burials)	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 157,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,707.35</b>	<b>28%</b>

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Moline Post No. 246  
Milan Post No. S69  
Port Byron Post No. 421  
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Community Post No. 1166

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## FINANCIAL REPORTS OF VAC FUNDS

**MARCH 1 – 31, 2025**

### EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	-----	<b>\$1,141.42</b>
<i>CHECKS ISSUED: CK # 1030 Coventry Apt</i>	-----	<b>\$200.00</b>
<i>DEPOSIT:</i>	-----	<b>\$000.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	-----	<b>\$941.42</b>

### MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FUND

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	-----	<b>\$538.44</b>
<i>CHECKS ISSUED:</i>	-----	<b>\$000.00</b>
<i>DEPOSIT:</i>	-----	<b>\$000.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	-----	<b>\$538.44</b>

### CD ACCOUNT (IHMVCU)

<b>BALANCE AS OF March 31, 2025</b>	-----	<b>\$3,516.95</b>
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<b>VAC FUNDS TOTAL</b>	-----	<b>\$4,996.81</b>
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**MONTHLY COUNTY RELIEF REPORT –MARCH 2025**

VOUCHERS	ISSUED 2025	ISSUED 2024	PAID 2025
RENTALS	\$8,906.00	\$6,963.00	\$6,290.00
UTILITIES	\$946.91	\$795.52	\$1,006.91
FOOD	\$1,873.00	\$2,195.00	\$1,851.20
PERSONAL ITEMS	\$1,873.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,333.92
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>\$13,385.91</b>	<b>\$11,253.52</b>	<b>\$10,482.03</b>
NUMBER OF VETERANS ASSISTED	117	88	
NON – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE	15	61	
VA APPOINTMENTS	137	168	
VETERANS DISABILITY PERCENTAGE LETTER REQUEST.	31	0	
FUNERALS	0	0	
RECEIVED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT	0	0	
<b>TOTAL ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>317</b>	

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### **DEATH SUMMARY REPORT**

**MARCH 2025**

#### SUMMARY OF DEATHS

WWII – **1**

KOREAN – **4**

VIETNAM – **11**

GULF WAR – **0**

PEACETIME – **2**

Number of Rock Island County Veterans buried during **MARCH 2025** at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery .....: **11**

Number of Veterans buried during **MARCH 2025** at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery (*Including local veterans, Scott County and other states*) .... 29

Number of Veterans buried since **January 2025** at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery (*Including local veterans, Scott County and other states*) .....: **97**

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Todd Harlow, Supt.

Jack Brown, Sec.

Jerry Goodwin, Pres.

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**BURIED****NAME****DIED****VWWI**

IMMEOETE JR FRED

EAST MOLINE IL

3/28/2025 LANTEN PARK SPECIALTY CARE

4/7/2025

ST MARY'S MAUSOLEUM

**KOREAN WAR VETERANS**

REYNOLDS HAROLD C  
HODSHIRE FRANK LEE  
SALES IRA LEE  
VanDeHeede ROGER R "HITTER"

MILAN IL  
EAST MOLINE IL  
MILAN IL  
EAST MOLINE IL

3/18/2025 CLARISSA COOK HOSPICE  
3/25/2025 CLARISSA COOK HOSPICE  
3/18/2025 GENERATIONS NURSING & REHAB RI  
3/29/2025 CLARISSA COOK HOSPICE

NOT KNOWN  
3/31/2025  
3/25/2025  
4/1/2025

**VIETNAM WAR VETERANS**

HIRST RODNEY O  
MCELYEA DANNY  
PEREZ JEFFREY  
WILSON JAMES A  
HERRMAN DARWYN  
FLUEGEL ROBERT J  
ELSBURY TERRY L  
ROBACZEWSKI COLIN K  
HURLEY BERNARD V  
GIEBEL BRUCE W  
WINTERLIN RICHARD "DICK"

ROCK ISLAND IL  
UNKNOWN  
MOLINE IL  
MUSCATINE IA  
ROCK ISLAND IL  
COLONA IL  
TAYLOR RIDGE IL  
COLONA IL  
MOLINE IL  
COLONA IL  
DAVENPORT IA

3/2/2025 NOT KNOWN  
1/13/2025 NOT KNOWN  
3/8/2025 HOME  
3/9/2025 UNITY POINT HEALTH RI  
03/13/2025 HOME  
3/16/2025 HOME  
3/20/2025 HOME  
3/20/2025 NOT KNOWN  
3/22/2025 MERCY-ONE,ILLINI CAMPUS SILVIS  
3/14/2025 MERCY-ONE,ILLINI CAMPUS SILVIS  
11/22/2024 HOME

NOT KNOWN  
3/14/2025  
3/18/2025  
3/25/2025  
3/26/2025  
PRIVATE  
PRIVATE  
NOT KNOWN  
NOT KNOWN  
PRIVATE  
PRIVATE  
NOT KNOWN  
NOT KNOWN  
3/26/2025  
4/4/2025

**GULF WAR**

## PEACETIME

DeMINK LEON E  
TAYLOR LEMMUEL R

3/25/2025 HOME  
3/25/2025 ILLINI RESTORATIVE CARE SILVIS

NOT KNOWN RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY  
4/7/2025 RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

NUMBER OF VETERANS FROM WWII -----	1
NUMBER OF VETERANS FROM KOREAN WAR -----	5
NUMBER OF VETERANS FROM VIETNAM WAR -----	16
NUMBER OF VETERANS FROM PEACETIME -----	2
NUMBER OF VETERANS FROM GULF WAR -----	2
TOTAL NUMBER OF VETERANS -----	26

TWP	TOWNSHIP
CEM	CEMETERY
EM	EAST MOLINE
GDNS	GARDENS
MEM	MEMORIAL
MOL	MOLINE
RI	ROCK ISLAND
RIA	ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL
UPT	UNITY-POINT