



VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

4000 46th Avenue, Rock Island, IL 61201

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Todd Harlow - Superintendent

VAC OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY APRIL 9, 2025 AT 7:00 PM AGENDA

Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order -----PRES. GOODWIN

Salute and Pledge to the Flag -----PRES. GOODWIN

Prayer -----BRIAN HABEL

Moment of silence for those in harm's way -----BRIAN HABEL

Reading of the Preamble of the Constitution-----PRES. GOODWIN

Roll Call -----SEC. BROWN

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting -----SEC. BROWN

Motioned: Jeff Mikey Second: Ed Klundt Outcome: Passed

Reading of Monthly Reports -----PRES. GOODWIN

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Jeff Mikey Outcome: Passed

County Monies Budget Report -----KEVIN KILKENNY

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Jeff Mikey Outcome: Passed

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

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Jeff Mikey Outcome: Passed

Relief Report -----SUPT. HARLOW

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Jeff Mikey Outcome: Passed

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Lincoln Detachment

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Willard L. Velie Jr. Post No. 2153
Ybarra-Gomez Post No. 8890

AMVETS

Silvis - E. Moline Post No. 145

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

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

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



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VAC OF ROCK ISLAND COUNTY MARCH 12, 2025 AT 7:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order -----PRES. GOODWIN

Salute and Pledge to the Flag -----PRES. GOODWIN

Prayer -----BRIAN HABEL

Moment of silence for those in harm's way -----BRIAN HABEL

Reading of the Preamble of the Constitution-----PRES. GOODWIN

Roll Call -----SEC. BROWN

January 2025 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting -----SEC. BROWN

Approve:

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Brian Habel Outcome: Passed

February 2025 Minutes of the Monthly Meeting -----SEC. BROWN

Motioned: No Meeting Second: No Meeting Outcome: No Meeting

January 2025 Reading of Monthly Reports -----PRES. GOODWIN

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Brian Habel Outcome: Passed

February 2025 Reading of Monthly Reports -----PRES. GOODWIN

Motioned: Terry Young Second: Ed Klundt Outcome: Passed

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

Approve:

Motioned: Ed Klundt Second: Brian Habel Outcome: Passed

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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

Report of members on sick list ----- SUPT. HARLOW

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:

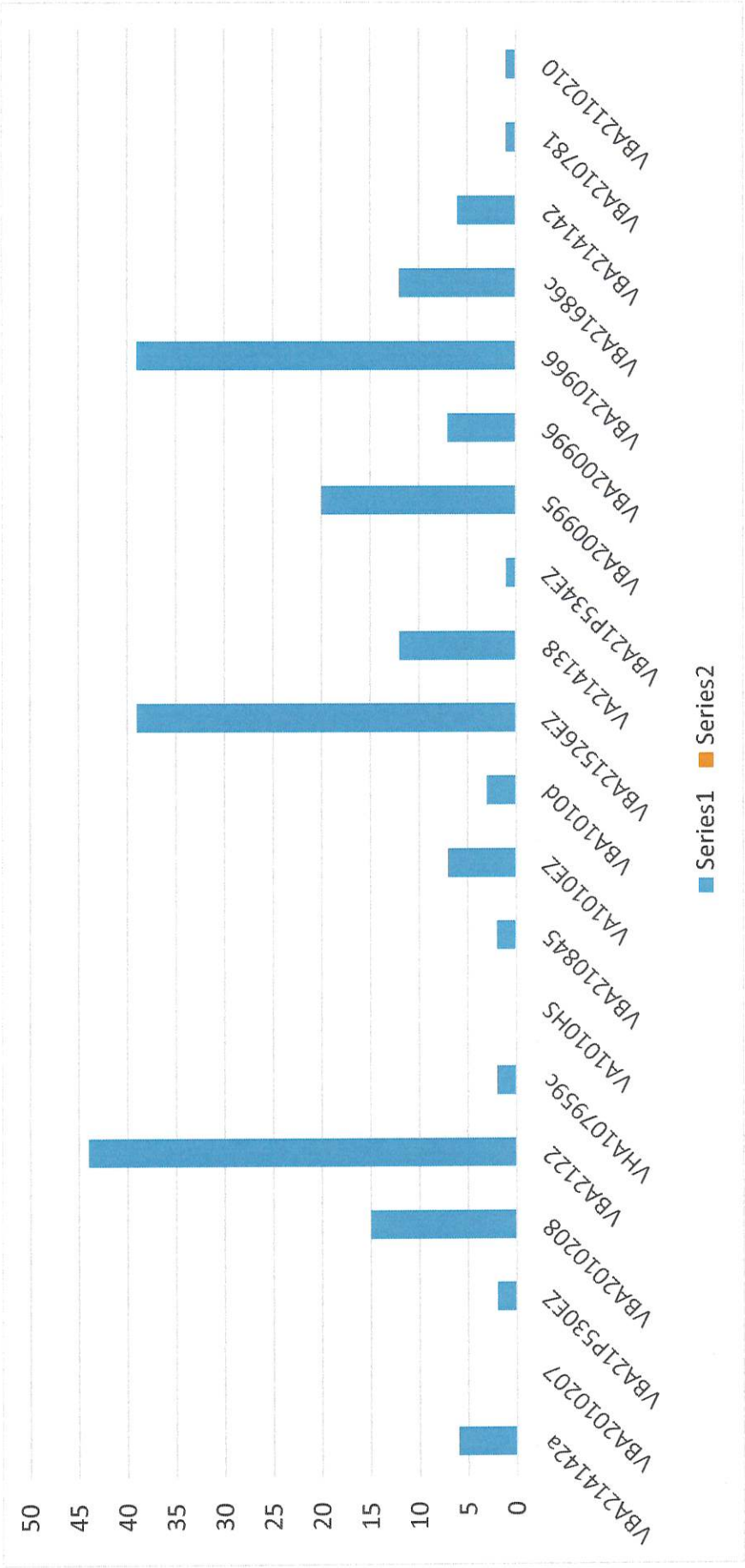
Signature Gerald E Goodwin Date 3-13-2025
Gerald Goodwin VAC Board President

March 2025 Vetpro Data

Added New Person	Created Actions	Created Forms	Submissions	Uploaded Files	Entered Decisions	Entered Interac
68	149	257	167	206	26	400

Monthly Award Amount
\$31,275.64

Retroactive Award Amount
\$161,551.02





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227 21st Street
Rock Island, IL 61201



March 17, 2025

Todd Harlow
Veterans Assistance Commission
1504 3rd 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 25th, 2025
Time: 2:00PM
Location: 950 31st 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 21st, 2025 to 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.



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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	\$	5,607.74
	\$	<u>5,607.74</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%
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 211.68	4%
Total	\$ 719,084.00	\$ 149,580.85	21%

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%
Total	\$ 157,000.00	\$ 43,707.35	28%

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FINANCIAL REPORTS OF VAC FUNDS

MARCH 1 – 31, 2025

EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE ----- \$1,141.42

CHECKS ISSUED: CK # 1030 Coventry Apt----- \$200.00

DEPOSIT: ----- \$000.00

ENDING BALANCE ----- **\$941.42**

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE ----- \$538.44

CHECKS ISSUED: ----- \$000.00

DEPOSIT: ----- \$000.00

ENDING BALANCE ----- **\$538.44**

CD ACCOUNT (IHMVCU)

BALANCE AS OF March 31, 2025 ----- **\$3,516.95**

VAC FUNDS TOTAL ----- **\$4,996.81**

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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
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	\$13,385.91	\$11,253.52	\$10,482.03
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	
TOTAL ASSISTANCE	300	317	

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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**

Todd Harlow, Supt.

Jack Brown, Sec.

Jerry Goodwin, Pres.

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NAME	FROM	DIED	BURIED
<u>WWII</u>			
IMMESOETE JR FRED	EAST MOLINE IL	3/28/2025 LANTEN PARK SPECIALTY CARE	4/7/2025 ST MARY'S MAUSOLEUM
<u>KOREAN WAR VETERANS</u>			
REYNOLDS HAROLD C	MILAN IL	3/18/2025 CLARISSA COOK HOSPICE	NOT KNOWN
HODSHIRE FRANK LEE	EAST MOLINE IL	3/25/2025 CLARISSA COOK HOSPICE	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
SALES IRA LEE	MILAN IL	3/18/2025 GENERATIONS NURSING & REHAB RI	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
VanDeHeede ROGER R "HITTER"	EAST MOLINE IL	3/29/2025 CLARISSA COOK HOSPICE	ST MARY'S CEMETERY
<u>VIETNAM WAR VETERANS</u>			
HIRST RODNEY O	ROCK ISLAND IL	3/2/2025 NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN
MCELYEA DANNY	UNKNOWN	1/13/2025 NOT KNOWN	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
PEREZ JEFFREY	MOLINE IL	3/8/2025 HOME	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
WILSON JAMES A	MUSCATINE IA	3/9/2025 UNITY POINT HEALTH RI	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
HERRMAN DARWYN	ROCK ISLAND IL	03/132025 HOME	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
FLUEGEL ROBERT J	COLONA IL	3/16/2025 HOME	ST MARY'S CEMETERY
ELSBURY TERRY L	TAYLOR RIDGE IL	3/20/2025 HOME	NOT KNOWN
ROBACZEWSKI COLIN K	COLONA IL	3/20/2025 NOT KNOWN	NOT KNOWN
HURLEY BERNARD V	MOLINE IL	3/22/2025 MERCY-ONE,ILLINI CAMPUS SILVIS	NOT KNOWN
GIEBEL BRUCE W	COLONA IL	3/14/2025 MERCY-ONE,ILLINI CAMPUS SILVIS	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
WINTERLIN RICHARD "DICK"	DAVENPORT IA	11/22/2024 HOME	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY

GULF WAR

PEACETIME

DeMINK LEON E	MOLINE IL	3/25/2025	HOME	NOT KNOWN	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY
TAYLOR LEMMUEL R	SILVIS IL	3/25/2025	ILLINI RESTORATIVE CARE	4/7/2025	RIA NATIONAL CEMETERY

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

ABBREVIATIONS

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