VAC WC Veterans Assistance Commission of Washington County

Meeting Minutes, July 22, 2026

The Veteran's Assistance Commission of Washington County (VACWC) was held on July 22, 2026, at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL beginning at 7PM.

Members Present:

Larry Harrison, Chairman, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 110
Steve Elliott, Delegate, VFW Post 5596
Kevin Pierce, Alternate Delegate, AL Post 233
Ken Storck, Alternate Delegate, VFW Post 5596
Matthew Kasten, VACWC Superintendent

Members Absent: Lance Carr, Jane Clarke

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Public Comment: None

The Chairman opened the meeting with a request to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of prayer/reflection.

The Superintendent provided his report to include current assistance provided, training and technology updates, social media efforts, and the community outreach performed.

The Commission held a discussion over concerns about the 2026 budget. It was voted on and approved that the FY27 Budget that we currently have will be the budget we present.

The Commission discussed seeking more office space due to the increasingly high demand of the office and also discussed the potential of using County vehicles for VACWC use. The VACWC Superintendent agreed to investigate this with the County.

Conversation was had about the hiring of a Student Work Study through the VA. All the VA approvals are completed, we are just waiting to send the paperwork over to Kaskaskia College pending Commission approval. It was agreed upon to start this process as soon as possible.

Closing remarks: The next meeting will be held on Aug 26, 2026, at 7PM at the Washington County Courthouse in Nashville, IL.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chairman at 8:11PM.

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Matthew Kasten
VACWC Superintendent