

Veterans Home Advisory

Veterans Home Advisory committee met at Department Headquarters on Saturday October 3, 2015 at 10 am.

Present were: Ron Shapland Chairman: Joe Lampert, Vice Chairman and William Frangquist.

Absent were: Roger Schwengel, excused and Don Houghland, excused.

Bill Frangquist attended the LaSalle Veterans Home meeting and he reports that they have rooms for 184 residents and they have 180 residents living there and 4 more scheduled to come in. Their wait time is 8 weeks. Also the lack of a state budget is affecting their ability to pay bills and they are concerned what will happen if the budget crisis goes on to long.

Department Commander Paul and Vice Commander Cheri visited us in the meeting. They gave us some good suggestions and were very helpful.

Roger Schwengel reports from Quincy Veterans Home that there has been an outbreak of Legionnaire's Disease at the Quincy home. The actual cause of the outbreak has not been determined, but test prove that the germ has been found in the cooling tower of the chillers, hot water heaters, shower heads, faucets, and other places. The home has installed a chemical treatment plant in a temporary location for now, with a permanent location being planned. The chemical treatment will be done in the foreseeable future. The outbreak seems to be nearly over, with no new deaths or sickness for over 3 weeks. Roger also reports that a severe windstorm on Sept 13 blew down 47 trees on the grounds and a fund is being set up so that any person or organization may donate for the planting of new trees. Also 11 headstones were damaged and there was some damage to buildings. No housing buildings were damaged and there were no injuries. There have been no problems from vendors delivering food or supplies because of the lack of a state budget.

The Veterans homes at Anna and Manteno have not met yet this fall and any information learned at those meetings will be added to this report.

Respectfully Submitted

Ron Shapland