

VA & R Commission Spring Meeting

Saturday, April 9, 2022

1008hrs – Meeting opened by Rodger Bennett (4th Division)

Attending – 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Division (1st Division NOT PRESENT)

R. Bennett – Discussed about the Legion Office at the VA Regional Office in Chicago. Also discussed that there was NO HIRE, yet, for a manager of the Chicago office. However, there may be a chance of getting at least a part-time Manager shortly.

R. Bennett – Also discussed further suggestions about hiring Legion VSOs at each VAMC & each VA Nursing Home in Illinois. However, this suggestion could easily cost too much, so is on the “back-burner” for now.

ACD. Davis (2nd Division) – Announced that the VA Secretary has currently suggested changes to four VA Rating Schedules and the period for making comments was very quickly approaching. (Deadline April 19, 2022). The four areas he was suggesting changes on were – Mental Health, COPD, Sleep Apnea, and Tinnitus.

R. Bennett – Presented the 2022-2023 VA & R Budget Request for approval. Motioned, Seconded, and Passed the Annual budget - same as last year.

ACD Davis – Discussed that Illinois Congress was voting on changes to the VAC Illinois Code (330 ILCS 45). The changes will greatly affect VAC operations. “Dave” said he will start sending the changes to everyone when final approval is eminent.

R. Bennett – Next official meeting of the VA & R Commission will be in Springfield just before the Department Convention.

R. Bennett - officially closed the meeting at 1118hrs.

A.C. “Dave” Davis, Temporary Secretary