

**DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS**  
**VETERANS HOME ADVISORY**

The veterans Home Advisory Committee met on Saturday October 9, 2021 at Department Headquarters in Bloomington, Illinois.

In Attendance were:

Georgiana Callaway	1 <sup>st</sup> Division
William Frangquist	2 <sup>nd</sup> Division
Roger Schwengel	3 <sup>rd</sup> Division
Ronald Shapland	4 <sup>th</sup> Division
Gary Fravel	5 <sup>th</sup> Division

Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm by Chairman Shapland.

Georgiana Callaway reports that the new home in Chicago is open now and taking residents. They have a 300-bed capacity. The home is very nice with a comfortable atmosphere.

William Frangquist reports that there was a meeting scheduled for LaSalle, but it was cancelled and is to be rescheduled.

All homes are taking new residents again after several months of not accepting new residents because of the covid virus.

Roger Schwengel reports that Quincy home is operating as normal as possible. Demolition has started on the 4 old buildings to make space for the new buildings. The new domiciliary is to be started this month. Expected completion by February 2023. The new -long term care building is to be started late this winter and to be completed fall 2023.

Also, the new service shelter, columbarium and storage building are to be started this month at Sunset Cemetery. They are still trying to get a bid for straightening and aligning the head stones.

Manteno is operating as normal as possible. Their meeting is not until October 21<sup>st</sup> via web.

Anna home is currently on lock down because of covid. Gary Fravel reports that they have not had any deaths because of covid. Their meeting is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> via web.

I do not think the homes are back at full capacity yet. We hope to find that out when they have their meeting.

We were visited in our meeting by Commander Fischer and Vice Commander Payton. They updated us on membership.

Submitted by:

Ron Shapland Chairman

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