

## VA & R COMMISSION MEETING 07 OCT 2023

Opened: 1006 hrs. by Chair Rodger Bennett at American Legion Dept. Headquarters in Bloomington, IL.

Flag Salute: R. Bennett

Roll Call:

Div. 1- Bernie StegmueLLer- present

Div. 2- Ashley “Dave” Davis- present

Div. 3- J. Tom Nebgen- present

Div. 4- Rodger Bennett (Chair)- present

Div. 5- Stephen Wylie- Excused

National Convention Report- R. Bennett asked who from VA & R to report? R. Bennett asked who from VA & R attended & was there anything about VA & R to report? R. Bennett and B. StegmueLLer attended and reported that almost everything talked about and concerned with the recently passed Pact Act and nothing further to report.

At 1011 hrs.- Dept. Commander Delmar Buske and the Sr. Vice Commander visited. Both discussed how we cannot survive without membership, keep it going. Commander Buske mentioned that Gi Gi our Legion VA & R specialist was now coming to Bloomington once a month to assist, advise & inform Dept. & others with VA assistance. Both left about 1020 hrs.

VAC Report- R Bennett asked D. Davis for a report about any VAC news or happenings. Dave reported about the new VAC codes for Illinois and that main change to the code is that now the county VAC Commissions will control the funds, not the County. Dave also reported that the State of Illinois VFW has also created a Veteran’s Assistance Liaisons Committee similar to our Legion Committee and the VFW State Chair for the Committee Doug Jameson asked for us & them to work together as partners to support our VAC’s throughout the State. This partnership should be a great thing for our VAC’s & our Veterans & Families.

T. Nebgen Reported- That some VA Clinics & Hospitals are once again requiring masking. Be aware & bring a mask just in case.

R. Bennett mentioned- that the D.C. Conference is coming soon & if we plan to attend, let him know.

Closed: 1100 hrs.

A “Dave” Davis Recording Secretary.