

## **VETERANS ASSISTANCE LIAISON COMMITTEE**

**January 31, 2026**

**End of year 2025**

The Veterans Assistance Liaison Committee met two (2) times during 2025. The meetings were held at Department Headquarters in Bloomington, IL. The meetings were well attended.

Topics of discussions were updating progress on counties that are forming a Veterans Assistance Committee (VAC), changes to the Military Veterans Assistance Act (VMAA), if any, and exchange of information to help other members of the committee.

Counties that had formed VAC's include Bond, Clinton, Monroe and Washington. Counties that are forming are Fayette, Marion, Randolph, Williamson and Union. The importance of the VAC's is they allow easier access for veterans and families needing assistance to get help. They also make it better for veterans to file claims, check status of current claims, and perhaps increase their status.

The majority of counties forming are in the 5<sup>th</sup> Division. This is due to the fact that the 5<sup>th</sup> Division has the most counties without a VAC.

Our meetings were visited by the Department Commanders, Sr. Vice Commanders and Membership Directors. We also had other guests which included Past Department Commander and President of County VAC. All guests offered information and suggestions to assist us.

Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Donald Scheyer

Chairman of the VALC