The American Legion
Department of Illinois

State Fair Veterans Day and Uniform Group Committee

Minutes for the meeting held on Oct 3, 2026 in Bloomington IL

The Department State Fair Veterans Day and Uniform Group Committee met at Department headquarters in Bloomington at 11:30 am on October 3, 2026.

Members present were Chairman Larry Miller (5th Div); Vice Chair Craig Fetzer (3re Div), Members Robert Henderson (4th Div) and Norris Teague(1st Div). Absent was Thomas Jorstad (2nd Div).

Chairman Miller welcomed the members to the meeting and members completed their paperwork.

Department Commander Latham, Sr Vice Erickson, and Adjutant Theilen visited the meeting.

The committee first reviewed the Department Commanders Goals for the year. Commander Latham has created a goal to "Promote The American Legions visibility, traditions, and patriotism through the Illinois State Fair Veterans Day Program and the continued support of uniformed ceremonial groups throughout Illinois."

The committee next discussed the committee established goal for the year. We discussed the commanders goal is pretty much all encompassing, which left us with the option to provide focused support to their goal. To that end, as chairman, I will submit articles to the Department Newsletter promoting the State Fair Veterans Day and encouraging posts, units, and/or squadrons to develop a uniform group for potential competition at the Department Convention.
Additionally, committee members will ensure districts and posts throughout their divisions get the message about the "Veterans Day at the State Fair" activities.

Chairman Miller discussed the role of The American Legion at the State Fair; passing out state fair pins and participating in the Veterans parade.

Larry Miller
Chairman, State Fair Veterans Day and Uniform Group Committee