

HAVANÁ, ILLINOIS 62644

#### **AGENDA**

#### **Quarterly Meeting**

June 5, 2025, at 6:30pm

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Pledge Of Allegiance
- 3. Roll Call
- 4. Approval of Minutes
- 5. Reports
  - A. Chairman Steve Pilger -
  - B. Vice Chairman -
  - C. Finance and Activity Report Ricky Yocum
  - D. Superintendent Report Ricky Yocum
- 6. Public Comments open
- 7. Old Business
- 8. New Business
  - a. VAC Budget
  - b. Change to the By-Laws
  - c. Choose Vice Chairman
- 9. Comments and Announcements









# MASON COUNTY VETERANS' ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

# 125 N PLUM ST

# HAVANA, ILLINOIS 62644

### **VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

#### **ROLL CALL**

### June 5, 2025

	<u>Present</u>	Absent
(D) Dick Whitney American Legion 496	<b>√</b> .	Secretary
(A) American Legion 496		
(D) Lee Hottell American Legion 561	~	
(A) Josh Harbourn American Legion 561		Vice Chairman
(D) Stephan Pilger VFW 6408	<u> </u>	Chairman
(A) Timothy Shay VFW 6408		
(D) Charles Lane American Legion 138		
(A)Dan Gunter American Legion 138		
(S) Ricky Yocum	V	Superintendent
(D) American Legion 1269		***************************************
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#### **MASON COUNTY**

# **VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION**

#### **2026 BUDGET**

**DELEGATE** 

COUNTY

**APPROVED** 

**BUDGET** 

**BOARD** 

**BUDGET** 

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

**AMOUNT** 

\$83,104.38

SUPERINTENDENT SALARY: \$33,443.00.00

NEW VETERAN SERVICE OFFICER SALARY: \$16,722.00.00

GENERAL ASSISTANCE/EMERGENCY RELIEF: \$21,389.38.38

DUES AND MEMBERSHIPS: \$350.00

**CONFERENCE AND TRAINING: \$1,000.00** 

TRAVEL, TRANSPORTATION AND MEALS: \$1,300.00

**ADVERTISING: \$2,000.00** 

VAC OTHER EXPENSES: \$600.00

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: \$6,000.00

**NOTE:** This is a budget request from Veterans Assistance Commission, depending upon the needs of the veterans in Mason County, the recommendations of the Mason County Veterans

Assistange Commission.

Ricky Yocum

Stephen Pilger

**VAC Superintendent** 

**VAC Chairman** 

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The March 3, 2025 meeting of the Veterans Assistance Commission was called to order at VFW Post 6408 Havana Illinois at 6:30 PM. Roll Call was held. The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. Minutes of the December 12, 2024 meeting were presented. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Tim Shay and seconded by Charlie Lane. Motion carried.

Financial reports were presented along with the Superintendent's Report. Mason County New Compensation and Pension received was \$90,101.16. There were 9 VA service-connected disability compensations, 1 VA Dependency grant, and 1 VA Burial compensation. VA appeals amounted to 21 with 32 clients being assisted. Other counties and states New Compensation and Pensions Received totaled \$6,925.01. There were three VA appeals. Total dollar amount for other counties and states for New Compensation and Pensions received was \$85,856.53. There were 10 service-connected disability claims, 11 VA appeals with 21 clients assisted. Motion to accept was made by Tim Shay and seconded by Lee Hottell. Motion carried.

**Public Comments: None** 

Old Business: None

New Business: The Commission was tasked with hiring a new Superintendent. Requirements were posted in the Mason County Democrat with an application deadline of February 15, 2025. Interviews were scheduled be held in March. A committee to review the applicants consists of Tim Shay, Lee Hottell, and Dick Whitney. Ricky Yockm will advise. Health and legal issues related to the 2024 budget were modified to reflect current conditions.

Mason County accounting problems were addressed. A tax levy of \$56,500 was collected and ear marked for the VAC. It was moved by Dick Whitney and seconded by Tim Shay to seek legal advice. Motion carried. Economic Interest Statements need to be returned as soon as possible. The election of Chairman and Secretary was held. Steve Pilger and Dick Whitney were elected Chairman and Secretary respectively. The position of Vice Chairman is temporarily vacant. The 2026 budget was presented raising the Superintendent's salary to the Illinois minimum wage. A motion to accept the budget was made by Charlie Lane and seconded by Lee Hottell. Motion carried. VSO testing will be required for the next Superintendent. The \$300 fee will be paid by the VAC and a 70% passing score is necessary. Scam alerts targeting veterans were discussed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Whitney and seconded by Charlie Lane. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Richard Whitney

A Special Meeting of the Mason County Veterans Assistance Commission was held at the Havana IL VFW Post 6408 April 3, 2025 at 6:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the hiring of a Superintendent. The superintendent candidate, Mr. Mark Beavan noted that the Peoria County VAC Superintendent received \$30.00 an hour. He proposed that his salary should be \$20.00 an hour for a fulltime position. It was decided that the wage would be \$17.15 per hour which is the starting wage for Mason County employees, Minimum wage of \$15.00 an hour, would be paid during the certification training. The fulltime position would consist of a 37.5 hour work week. Increases in salary would occur in accordance with Mason County employee pay raises. A question of whether Mr. Beavan could remain Secretary of the Logan County VAC was raised. A future decision is required. As no further business was brought before the Commission, a move to adjourn was made by Charlie Lane. Seconded by Dick Whitney. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

**Richard Whitney** 

### **Yearly Totals 2025**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Trans</u>	<u>Groc</u>	<b>Utilities</b>	<u>Rent</u>	<u>Misc</u>	<u>Totals</u>
December-22	\$678.00				\$200.00	\$878.00
January-23	\$301.00					\$301.00
February-23	\$448.00					\$448.00
March-23	\$469.00					\$469.00
April-23	\$342.00					\$342.00
May-23	\$556.00					\$556.00
June-23						\$0.00
July-23						\$0.00
August-23						\$0.00
September-23						\$0.00
October-23						\$0.00
November-23						\$0.00
TOTALS	\$2,794.00				\$200.00	\$2,994.00

#### **VAC Office Expense**

DATE	<u>ITEM</u>	<b>INVOICE#</b>	<b>FEES</b>	<b>SUPPLIES</b>	<b>MILEAGE</b>	<b>TRAINING</b>	<b>PUBLISHING</b>	<b>MEALS</b>	MISC	<b>PROF SERV</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
12/6/24	Mason Fulton Publishing	39704					\$20.00				\$20.00
12/10/24	Mason Fulton Publishing	39450					\$180.00				\$180.00
1/2/25	Mason Fulton Publishing	39704					\$60.00				\$60.00
1/21/25	<b>IACVAC Dues</b>	567	\$200.00								\$200.00
1/29/25	Mason Fulton Publishing	39968					\$100.00				\$100.00
3/25/25	Mason Fulton Publishing	40213					\$80.00				\$80.00
3/25/25	Mason Fulton Publishing	40437					\$80.00				\$80.00
4/14/25	Miller, Hall & Triggs	11794-0001								\$634.00	\$634.00
4/14/25	<b>NACVSO Dues</b>	12266	\$50.00								\$50.00
4/15/25	NACVSO Class VSO					\$400.00					\$400.00
4/30/25	Mason Fulton Publishing	40695					\$100.00				\$100.00
5/7/25	IACO/IACVAC	4289				\$125.00					\$4,414.00
5/12/25	Miller, Hall & Triggs	11794-0001								\$104.00	\$104.00
5/14/25	IACO/IACVAC				\$44.80						\$44.80

<u>TOTALS</u>	\$250.00	\$44.80	\$525.00	\$620.00	\$0.00	\$738.00	\$6,466.80
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**Budget Expenses** 

	Budget		Total
Salary	\$20,670.00		
Part Time Staff	\$3,500.00		
Dues & Membership	\$350.00	\$ (250.00)	\$100.00
<b>Professional Services</b>	\$6,000.00	\$ (738.00)	\$5,262.00
Micellaneous	\$500.00		\$500.00
Publishing	\$2,000.00	\$ (620.00)	\$1,380.00
Training	\$1,000.00	\$ (525.00)	\$475.00
Travel Expess	\$1,300.00	\$ (44.80)	\$1,255.20
Veterans Assistance	\$21,180.00	\$ (2,994.00)	\$18,186.00
Total	\$56,500.00	\$ (5,171.80) \$51,328.20	\$27,158.20



### Illinois Association of County Veterans Assistance Commissions

### SURVEY FOR IACVAC ANNUAL REPORT

1.) County of MASON MARCH, APRIL.
1.) County of MASON  2.) Total Dollar Amount of New Compensation and Pension Received: \$\frac{4}{5},872.65\$
3.) Total Number of Claims Filed by Category:
a.) VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation:
b.) VA Non Service-Connected Pension:
c.) VA Dependency Indemnity Compensation:
d.) VA Survivor's Pension:
e.) VA Burial Benefit:
f.) VA Health Care:
g.) VA Appeals (Supplemental Claim, Higher Level Review, and Board of Veterans
Appeals): 37
4.) Total Dollar Amount of New Financial Assistance Paid Out:
5.) Total Number of New Forms Completed:
6.) Total Number of Clients Transported to Medical Appointments:
7.) Total Number of Clients Assisted:
I report that the above numbers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and are within the parameters defined on the reverse.
Superintendent's Name:
Superintendent's Signature: Date:
Please return survey by December 31, 2025 to zimmermanjacob@KaneCountyIL.gov or by fax

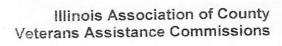
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3.) Total Number of Claims Filed by Category:
a.) VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation:
b.) VA Non Service-Connected Pension:
c.) VA Dependency Indemnity Compensation:
d.) VA Survivor's Pension:
e.) VA Burial Benefit:
f.) VA Health Care:
g.) VA Appeals (Supplemental Claim, Higher Level Review, and Board of Veterans
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1.) County of OHAME SHAME  2.) Total Dollar Amount of New Compensation and Pension Received: \$\frac{12,424,74}{24,74}\$  3.) Total Number of Claims Filed by Category:
2.) Total Dollar Amount of New Compensation and Pension Received: # 12, 424, 74
a.) VA Service-Connected Disability Compensation:
b.) VA Non Service-Connected Pension:
c.) VA Dependency Indemnity Compensation:
d.) VA Survivor's Pension:
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