

*JUNE*

# MONTHLY REPORT



*PREPARED BY*  
Steven Kreitzer -  
Superintendent



# THE AGENDA

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## Meeting Agenda July 21, 2020

- I. Call to Order & Salute to the Colors
- II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
- III. Chaplin's Prayer
- IV. Roll Call of Officers
- V. Reading & Approval of the Meeting Minutes
- VI. Public Comment
- VII. Superintendent's Report
  - a. Office Activity
  - b. Department of Veterans Affairs Claim Delays
  - c. Budget 1st look
  - d. Service Dog Organization in Mendota
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. For the Good of the Commission
- XI. Closing Prayer
- XII. Adjournment



# THE MINUTES

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Call to Order & Salute to the Colors –

President Chuck Erb called the meeting to order at 5:00pm and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Delegates & Alternates Present

Tom Troutman – VFW, Mendota - Lance Sires – American Legion, Marseilles – Bill Paterson – American Legion, Mendota – Nick Nekrosius – American Legion, Peru - Chuck Erb – American Legion, Marseilles – Andy Ruggerio – VFW, Peru – Harold Olsen – AMVETS Mendota - Elton Murphy - LaSalle VFW Steve Koppernhoefer - American Legion, Seneca - Douglas Grieve - American Legion, Tonica.

Officers Present

President – Chuck Erb

Vice President – Harold Olsen

Guard – John Duback - Excused

Chaplin – Jim Ebner - Excused

Employees Present

Steven Kreitzer – Superintendent



# THE MINUTES

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Reading & Approval of the February Meeting Minutes  
Motion by Elton Murphy and seconded by Andy Ruggerio  
Minutes were approved as presented.

Public Comment - None

Superintendent's Report

A: Compensation - Year to date is \$892,785.28 total and \$61,266.02 monthly

B: Veterans Health Administration still limiting in person appointments and mainly only doing Tele-Health appointments

Superintendent report was motioned for approval by Lance Sires and seconded by Elton Murphy. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - None

New Business - None



# THE MINUTES

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For the Good of the Commission -

Andy Ruggerio reported that the TBM Reunion had been canceled as well as the boots memorial but hoping to get them back next year.

The Peru Memorial Group retired close to 3,000 flags this year.

Most Funeral Honor Guards groups are back up and running after being shut down due to Covid-19

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Harold Olsen and seconded by Andy Ruggerio. Motion passed unanimously at 5:26 pm.



# THE SUMMARY

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Office Activity June				
Office Visits	35		VA Compensation	15
Phone	43		VA Healthcare	4
Minutes	1005			
Outstation	N/A		VA Pension	6
LaSalle	0		Other	1058
Streator	0		Property Taxes	7
Sandwich	0			

Outreach locations for July  
0900-1600

Streator City Hall - Tuesdays  
204 S Bloomington St, Streator, IL 61364

Mendota Chamber of Commerce - Thursdays  
800 Washington St, Mendota, IL 61342

The VA Clinic is asking that we wait till the new year to resume our outreach efforts there. We will be resuming outreach to Sandwich, IL again beginning in August at the first Friday of every month.



# THE CLAIMS

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Claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs have been going slower than usual if they require an exam to complete the claim. We have unfortunately also see alot of claims barley looked at and denied for ridiculous reasons.

With the COVID-19 hitting our nation the Department of Veterans Affairs in our opinion has lost oversight of its personnel and we have lost valuable contact with the Directors not only on the local level but at the national level to air grievances. Many times we feel as though the VA is out to meet their quota for the day rather than serve the veterans.