



Veteran's Assistance Commission of Bond County

Meeting 23 July 2026, 1800

Bond County Health Department conference room Minutes

VFW Post 1377	Allen Holtsford (V-Chair)	<u>A</u>	Rodney Sullivan	<u>A</u>
AM Vets Post 140	Bill Johnston (Chairman)	<u>P</u>	Tony Koonce	<u>A</u>
Leathernecks Detachment 1174	David Danikin	<u>A</u>	Bob Baker	<u>P</u>
American Legion Post 1994	Jeff Dornin	<u>A</u>	Dallas Edwards	<u>A</u>
American Legion Post 1104	Melvin Griffith (Secretary)	<u>P</u>	Dave Altom	<u>A</u>
American Legion Post 1180	Don Britt	<u>A</u>	Bill Niepert	<u>P</u>

Superintendent (SUPT) VACBC P

Bob B. made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Mel G. 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Old Business

1. Policy and Resolutions to be voted on:
 - a. VACBC Line Items policy
 - b. Updated Bylaws
 - c. County Policy adoption:
 - i. Personnel Policy
 - ii. Against discrimination, Harassment, and sexual misconduct.
 - iii. Procurement
 - iv. Use of Artificial Intelligence
 - v. Federal Grant & Financial Management policy

Mel G. made a motion to accept and adopt the policy and resolutions. Bill N. 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Bill J. (Chairman), Mel G. (secretary), and Cole H. (SUPT) signed all policy and resolutions. Hard copy will be located in VACBC office along with an electronic copy located on the VACBC computer.

2. Marine Corps League Accreditation
 - a. Cole H. has obtained the accreditation for Marine Corps League VSO (088).
3. Transportation for Veterans: Bond Co transit locations and cost.
 - a. Please see attached documentation detailing cost of rides by Bond Co Transit.
 - b. Discussed alternate means: please see attached VA transportation, VA uber, and DAV transportation.
 - c. Supt is tasked with obtaining DAV transportation for Bond Co.



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Minutes**

New Business

1. SUPT report:
 - a. Superintendent Hoyt gave his report on the benefits and finances of the office.
2. FY27 Meeting dates:
 - a. **October 22, 2026**
 - b. **January 28, 2027**
 - c. **April 22, 2027**
 - d. **July 22, 2027**
 - e. **October 22, 2026**

Mel G. made a motion to accept the meeting dates for FY27. Bill N. 2nd the motion, motion passed.

3. Bill J. conducted an annual evaluation on the SUPT. Both Chairman and SUPT agreed on the evaluation and signed.

Adjournment

Bob B. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mel G. 2nd the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1910.

Next Meeting

Bond County Health Department conference room. 22 October 2026 at 1800.

Location:

1520 S 4th Street
Greenville, IL 62246

Respectfully submitted

Cole Hoyt

VACBC Superintendent

Bond County Transit Fares & Passes

1. Fares are one-way trips.
2. Fares are due each time a passenger boards, upon entering vehicle.
3. Exact change is required. Drivers do not make change.
4. In addition to cash, transit users have a variety of methods to pay for rides, including a prepaid pass and checks. Credit/debit cards are not accepted.

[Individual Fares pricing as of July 1, 2019] **from website**

- **Local:**

- Adults \$2.00
- Seniors 60+ \$1.50
- Children 12 and under \$1.00

- **County:**

- Seniors 60+ \$4.00
 - Donation based senior passes may be available.
- Adults \$4.00
- Children 12 and under \$2.00
 - Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

- **Private Pay Trips Out of County, call for rates.**

Transport Veterans to VA appointment the rates for rides are \$1.00 per mile and this includes a one hour wait time. After that hour, then will be charged \$10.00 for every hour waited.

- Possible cost of to and from with just one hour wait:
- St. Louis (55 miles) \$110
- Marion (120 miles) \$140
- Effingham (57 miles) \$114

- **Greenville CitiPass**

- Discounted passes are available for the Greenville area.
 - 30 Day CitiPasses Unlimited Rides
 - Age 60 and older \$45.00
 - Age 59 and under \$58.00

- **Cash Pass:** passes can be loaded with any amount of money and used towards any ride, anywhere.

Based on patient reports and typical outpatient operations, a reasonable estimate for a scheduled outpatient appointment is:	
Facility	Typical Arrival-to-Departure Time*
John Cochran VAMC (St. Louis)	1.5-3 hours
Jefferson Barracks VAMC (St. Louis)	1-2.5 hours
Marion VAMC	1-2 hours
St. Clair County VA Clinic (Belleville)	45 minutes-1.5 hours
Effingham VA CBOC	45 minutes-1.5 hours

VA Transportation

VA St. Louis Health Care System - John Cochran Division (657)

Address: 915 North Grand Blvd. Saint Louis, MO 63106

Phone: 314-652-4100

Website: Schedule a ride at www.vetride.va.gov/

Contact:

Angela Thomas

Angela.Thomas6@va.gov

314-289-6508

Alternate Contact:

Janitra Townsel

Janitra.Townsel@va.gov

314-289-7035

Marion VA Medical Center (657A5)

Address: 2401 West Main Street Marion, IL 62959

Phone: 618-997-5311

Website: Schedule a ride at www.vetride.va.gov/

Contact:

Anthony Veschusio

Aanthony.Veschusio@va.gov

618-997-5311 ext. 155046

Alternate Contact:

Jessica Draves

Jessica.Draves@va.gov

618-997-5311 ext. 154064

DAV Transportation VAN

John Cochran Division - St. Louis HCS 24657
915 N Grand Blvd RM A339D
Saint Louis, MO 63106-1621

Gregory A. Boyd (314) 289-6443

VHA-Uber Health Connect (VUHC)

How to arrange a ride

Contact your local VA Medical Center transportation office. For the St. Louis VA, this would be the office that serves the Jefferson Barracks and John Cochran medical centers.

Request the VUHC ride. Let them know you would like to arrange transportation using the VHA-Uber Health Connect program. The VA scheduler will coordinate the ride.

Provide sufficient notice. It is best to give at least 48 hours' notice for scheduling your ride.



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Veteran's Assistance Commission of Bond County (VACBC) Meetings for 2026/2027

Location:

- The Bond County Health Department conference room.

1520 S 4th Street
Greenville, IL 62246

Time:

- 1800/6:00pm

Quarterly convening:

- Meetings will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month quarterly.

Meeting dates:

- October 22, 2026
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Chairman, VACBC

Superintendent, VACBC

Secretary, VACBC