

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the September 12, 2012 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1900 hrs.

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P-Wiley Roberts – Chairman

P-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee

P-Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P-Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P-Matt Heffernan

A-Phil Clarke

P-Colleen Simon

P-Bruce Lorence

P-Bill Conner

A-Robert Baisa

P-Bob Shaffner– Cmdr, American Legion

A-Ken Fulton

P-Jack Morley

P-Arlene Morley

A-Ken Wrezzes

P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League

P-Sam English – KWVA

P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

P-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux

P- Dr. William Rasmussen

**Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:**

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the last meeting as published.

**Veterans Parkway engraved paver bricks & benches**

Engraved paver brick order forms incorrectly showed 20 spaces for lettering on each line. This should have been 15 spaces. The problem will be resolved but future orders will be for 15 characters per line. Bricks that have already been ordered in will be in place for the dedication. Future brick orders may have to wait until we get 25 to 30 bricks to be engraved. Four benches have been spoken for, two are still available

The Purple Heart Veterans, The Marine Corps League, The VFW and the American Legion have each committed to the purchase of a bench.

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway**

No word yet from TACOM on the availability of a piece of military equipment for display. We are still pursuing other sources.

**Veterans Breakfast (Oct 27):**

The 'Legacy Girls' will perform a 50s 60s show. Local retirement homes will be contacted to see if they are able to get their resident veterans to the breakfast. Members were encouraged to solicit local merchants for door prizes. Signup sheets were distributed to the representatives of the local veterans' organizations.

The commission voted to create a Veteran Volunteer organization award to be presented at the breakfast. This year's recipient is St Julie Billiard Church for their service to veterans.

**Remarks by Trustee Seaman:**

Trustee Seaman announced that the new Veterans Plaza will be dedicated to Retired Brigadier General Patrick Rea. Dave also stated that we could hold the Veterans Day ceremonies on either Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>. The commission voted to hold the ceremony on Sunday Nov, 11th.

**Veterans Day – (Nov.11)**

We will be celebrating Veterans Day at the new 80<sup>th</sup> Ave. train station on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The local newspapers will be notified as to the date and location of the celebration.

The Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award will be presented during the ceremony.

**Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award - (Nov.11)**

The commission chose Wilbert (Bill) Minnich as this year's recipient. He is a Korean War Purple heart Veteran that has been active in veteran's affairs for several years.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

We are waiting for the flag that was flown in town in August. The certificate is framed and will be presented to the family when we receive the flag.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings**

We will ask the Library, St. George School and Trinity Lutheran School if they would each like a copy of the Vietnam era painting "Reflections". We hope to be able to present them at the Veterans Day ceremony.

**Yellow ribbon program:**

We need to replace the ribbons on Veterans Parkway.

**Correspondence:**

Members were reminded to complete the Open Meetings Act training.

The autumn parade has been cancelled. Sat Dec 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Toyland parade; Sunday Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Parade of lights.

**New Business:**

None

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:**

Sun. Sep. 16<sup>th</sup> AVMRA pancake breakfast – Sep. 21<sup>st</sup> Lifeline health screening – Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> Aux. Bunco party – karaoke Sep. 14<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:**

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

The Poker tournament in July raised enough money to pay for our bench at the train station – Sep. 18<sup>th</sup> Police & Fire awards – Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Steak cookout – Oct 6<sup>th</sup> SAL chili cook-off & night at the races – Last Sun we hosted the Kevin Clarke memorial MC run.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:**

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE CHICAGO BASE U.S.SUBMARINE VETERANS:**

We won another national award. We will be presenting the memorial flag to the Kipp family.

**REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:**

We had 27 members in attendance. Our numbers are dwindling.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

We sponsored a golf outing in August - hosted a picnic at Manteno in July – We will hold a Day at the Races at Manteno in Oct.

**Any other business**

None

the meeting was adjourned at 2037 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held October 10, 2012