

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the October 10, 2012 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1858 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

A-Matt Heffernan

A-Phil Clarke

P-Colleen Simon

P-Bruce Lorence

P-Bill Conner

P-Robert Baisa

P-Bob Shaffner– Cmdr, American Legion

A-Ken Fulton

A-Jack Morley

P-Arlene Morley

P-Ken Wrezzes

P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League

A-Sam English – KWVA - Resigned

P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

E-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux

P- Doug Rasmussen

Sam English, KWVA representative, resigned his position on the commission. Wiley will speak to the KWVA to see if they will be appointing a replacement.

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

Orders for paver bricks are still coming in but will not be placed on the walkway until we have orders for 25 or more.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway

We are still looking for a piece of military equipment for display along Veterans Pkwy..

Veterans Breakfast (Oct 27):

Doors will open at 8am, introductions will be made and the chaplains from the American Legion and VFW will give the invocation at 8:30am followed by an award presentation. Entertainment will follow the award presentation. Breakfast will be served near the conclusion of the entertainment.

Local retirement homes have been contacted ascertain if they are able to get their resident veterans to the breakfast.

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

Benches for Veterans plaza have been purchased by the Purple Heart, VFW, Marine Corps League, American Legion and the Korean War Veterans.

Veterans Day – (Nov.11)

We will be celebrating Veterans Day at the new 80th Ave. train station on Monday, November 11th. The Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award will be presented during the ceremony.

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

Wilbert (Bill) Minnich will receive this award at the Veterans Day ceremony. He is a Korean War Purple heart Veteran that has been active in veteran's affairs for several years.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We will be ordering 3' x 5' cotton flags from Washington in the future. This is the size the Village usually uses and the cotton flags are easier to fold than the nylon.

Education in Art in Public Buildings

The Library, St. George School and Trinity Lutheran School will each receive a copy of the Vietnam era painting "Reflections" at the Veterans Day ceremony.

Yellow ribbon program:

We will replace the ribbons on Veterans Parkway before Veterans Day.

Correspondence:

Members were reminded to send their Open Meetings Act certificate of completion to Laura Godette.

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Sep. 18th Police & Fire awards were presented – Oct 6th SAL we held a chili cook-off & night at the races put on by the SAL - The Steak cookout was a success – We will again this year host a group of recruits from Great Lakes on Christmas Day – Legion Riders will hold a Halloween Bash on the 27th - Oct 28th picnic/tailgate party for our members and the Manteno vets.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

19th & 20th we will be selling poppies – Sun. the 21st the Aux will hold a spaghetti dinner – 26th Karaoke night – Nov. 4th is the Manteno Run

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:

No Report

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

We recently presented the memorial flag to the Kipp family.

REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:

No Report

Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held November 14, 2012