

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the February 13, 2013 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
E-Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman
P-Norm Pestlin –Secretary
A-Matt Heffernan
A-Phil Clarke
P-Colleen Simon
P-Bruce Lorence
P-Bill Conner
A-Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen
E-Bob Shaffner– Cmdr, American Legion
A-Ken Fulton
E-Jack Morley
P-Arlene Morley
A-Ken Wrezzes
E-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League
P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
E-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux
A-Janice Cepak – VFW Aux

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

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

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

Trustee Seaman will get clarification on the letter the Posts received about having to pay to enter the Irish parade.

Veterans Plaza flag pole holders:

The Village needs a cost estimate for the proposed flag holders. It was decided that we will need 12. Wiley will get prices on ground mounted holders and outdoor flags.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Bill Conner reported that the VFW had applied to TACOM for a helicopter in 1999. The paperwork was just recently located, he will follow up to see in the request is still in the pipeline.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Wiley asked the members to look for Desert Storm/Desert Shield artwork and bring any ideas to the next meeting.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Wiley plans to visit the local funeral homes to remind them of the procedure for having flags flown for deceased Tinley Park veterans. We are also in the market for triangular flag boxes.

It was suggested that we draft an article on flag etiquette and have it published in the paper before Memorial Day.

Yellow ribbon program:

Colleen reported that we have enough ribbons for right now. We may have to reorder after Discover Tinley.

Vet employment info program:

Wiley mentioned a few web sites where vets can obtain employment information. He will email Norm the URL's so we can put them on the commission web site.

Discover Tinley-March 23rd:

We will have paver brick applications, yellow ribbons and flag etiquette brochures at our booth. Wiley will check with Judy to see if we need to fill out an application.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Wiley would like to see the Commission provide 'Challenge Coins' to be given returning vets. He will get some prices. The subject was tabled.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Bill Conner is looking into getting a military band for the veteran's breakfast this year.

Fish fry's will run from Feb. 15th to Mar.29th. Michael Sutter scholarship fundraised Friday April 12th. We are holding a gun raffle proceeds of which will go to Illinois veteran's homes. Feb. 24th chili cook-off. March 10th Irish parade food and entertainment at the post.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

March 3rd SAL will hold a pot roast dinner from 3pm to 4:20pm followed by horse racing and a raffle for a 40" TV. March 10th gourmet breakfast 8am to 11am. Mar. 17th corned beef sandwich and a beer \$5.00. March 23rd shrimp boil starting at 5pm. SAL state convention will be here at the end of June.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:

No Report

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

Jim gave a report on the U505 and the Navy ROTC.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

No Report

Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2006 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held March 13, 2013