

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the October 9, 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

E- Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee

P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

E- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

E- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League

P- Ronald Seiner– Cmdr, American Legion

A- Ken Fulton

E- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

E- Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux

A- Bill Minnich - KWVA

P- Eva Reyes-Seitz– 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:

No report

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

We have new stars for the Blue & Gold Star memorial. They will be in place by Veterans Day. Wiley asked the members to think about a way to dress up the area to make it more noticeable. Bill Conner reported that he may have a line on a surplus Huey.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The commission selected a military related firefighter print to be presented to the Tinley Park Fire Department during the Veterans Day program.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

After several tries we have had no response from Congressman Bobby Rush's office on obtaining memorial flags. Donna will try Congressman Dan Lipinski's office.

Yellow ribbon program:

Colleen reported that we have enough ribbons to last for a while.

Veteran's Breakfast: - Sept. 21st

We received a thank you card from "The Knights of Harmony" for using their group at the breakfast..

Veteran's Day: – Nov. 11th

The band and speakers have been scheduled. The tent and chairs have been ordered.

Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award

James 'Jimmie' Hunter has been selected as the award recipient for 2013.

Correspondence:

Thank you card from "The Knights of Harmony".

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Sat. Nov. 12 we will hold a chili cook-off. Oct. 26th will be our Halloween Party. Dec. 15 Kids Christmas party. Dec. 25th we will again host about 40 recruits from Great Lakes Training Center. We need help with this one. If you can lend us a computer or phone for the day these kids really appreciate it.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

The Michael Sutter memorial scholarship fundraiser was very successful. We are trying to get approval to install a programmable LED sign on our building. Poppy days are coming up this month. Nov. 3rd is the AVMRA Manteno run.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep.

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

No Report – No Rep.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

We ran a picnic and Day at the Races at Manteno last weekend. We have had 3 Marines pass away since Aug. 3rd.

Report from the Korean War Veterans

We will be doing a POW/MIA table ceremony at the Doubletree Oct. 15th. Nov. 11th we will do a POW/MIA table ceremony at Hanover Sr. home. Nov. 6th, Naperville we will do a flag folding ceremony for the Girl scouts. Nov. 8th we were asked to talk to the students at Hilda Walker School. Nov. 9th we will do a 21 gun salute at Gateway Community and the American Legion from LaGrange wants to do a POW/MIA table ceremony.

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

We will be with the KVA at Hilda Walker School.

Any other business

It was suggested that as we haven't hosted a welcome home reception at the Village in quite a while we should think about holding a community wide reception for the vets that came home this year. Armed Services Day would be a good day to do this. A motion was made and seconded to pursue this idea.

The meeting was adjourned at 2026 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held November 13, 2013