

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the November 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

E- Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee

P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

A- 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

A- Ken Wrezzes

E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

E- Donna Gibbons

P- Bill Minnich - KWVA

E- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

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:

Norm reported that he received a call from a gentleman that has a Douglas A-4 Skyhawk looking for a home. He may need some financial help in getting it along with some other items here from California. Bill Conner reported that he is still waiting to hear from TACOM.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The artwork we purchased was presented to the Tinley Park Fire Department during the Veterans Day program. It was on an easel at the venue when the wind blew it over and caused slight damage to the frame. Doug will check with the Fire Dept. to see if they want it repaired. It was suggested that we consider donating something to the new Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center next year.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We have had no response from Congressman Bobby Rush's office on obtaining a memorial flag for Mike Murray, Wiley will contact his office. Congressman Dan Lipinski's office has responded and is sending a flag for Jim Whelan.

Yellow ribbon program:

Colleen reported that we have enough ribbons through the winter. She feels that the program has just about run its course but will leave the decision to terminate it to others.

Veteran's Day: – Nov. 11th

The program went very well, the tent was a welcome addition. The band was well received and is anxious to return next year. The awards were appreciated by the recipients.

Armed Forces Day – May 17, 2014

We are hoping to hold a reception for all recently returned Tinley Park vets. We will need a list of vets from the veteran support groups or the local churches. Wiley will ask Judy about reserving the Kallsen Center for this event.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

We are considering making up challenge coins to be presented to returning vets. Doug and Frank are working on vendors and prices.

Wiley will check with Public Works as to why the new stars for the Blue/Gold star memorial were not installed in time for Veterans Day.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

We recently presented the Tinley Park Law Enforcement Officer of the year award and will be presenting the Firefighter of the year award in January. Friday we will be giving a flag etiquette presentation to a local Cub Scout pack. We will be participating in the Holiday Market and the parade.

Our kids Christmas party will be Dec. 8th and Dec. 25th we will host about 40 Navy recruits at our Post for dinner and a day of relaxation.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We attended Veterans Day programs at several schools and nursing homes. We will be discontinuing our bingo as of January but will start serving lunches daily.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

We participated in the Legion carnival and will be participating in the Holiday market. We are participating in operation “warm troops” collecting socks, blankets etc.

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:

Frank reported that Phil Clarke plans on holding the annual motorcycled run on May 18th.

Report from the Korean War Veterans

We have been attending several funerals lately. We did a flag folding ceremony for a Girl Scout troop.

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

We did a photo shoot at a real-estate office recently.

Any other business

The meeting was adjourned at 2028 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held December 11, 2013