

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the December 11, 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

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League

E- Ronald Seiner– Cmdr, American Legion

A- Ken Fulton

E- Jack Morley

E- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

A- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

P- 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:

Wiley reported that he had spoken with his friend that has the moving company. They are still prepared to move whatever military equipment we come up with but need more information as to location, dates. Wiley proposed running some sort fundraiser to defray the costs of moving and setting up the display. We have not heard from any one concerning the A4 recently.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

We have not heard from the Fire Department about repairing the frame of the picture that was damaged during its presentation. Doug will contact the Chief.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Congressman Dan Lipinski's office has sent us the memorial flag for Jim Whelan. We have still had no response from Congressman Bobby Rush's office on obtaining a memorial flag for Mike Murray.

Blue / Gold Star memorial:

A question was raised as to why the new blue and gold stars were not yet installed at the memorial.

Wiley has tried to contact someone at PW without success, he will try again.

We are still considering installing a plaque explaining the meaning of the blue and gold star flags. They could be displayed at the memorial or inside the train station.

Armed Forces Day – May 17, 2014:

Wiley talked to Judy about reserving the Kallsen Center for this date. We are still looking for the names of all recently returned Tinley Park vets.

We are considering purchasing challenge coins to present to the vets of recent conflicts. Prices and artwork have been secured. We will need to move funds from some line items to cover the costs.

Correspondence:

Newsletter from KWVA – Letter from AVMRA concerning the Christmas party for Navy Recruits.

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Our kids Christmas party was held on 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 will be discontinuing our bingo as of January 1st. The proposal to serve daily lunches has been put on hold.

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:

Frank reported that he had information on contaminated water Camp Lejeune between 1953 and 1985. He has forms for anyone wanting to file a claim.

Report from the Korean War Veterans

No Report

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

Dec. 23rd we are taking pies out to the Manteno Veterans home. We also donated a check to Tinley Wish.

Any other business

The meeting was adjourned at 1957 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held January 8, 2014