

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the May 11, 2011 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1905 hrs.

**Present:**

Wiley Roberts – Chairman	Ken Fulton
Norm Pestlin –Secretary	Arlene Morley
Matt Heffernan	Jack Morley
Phil Clarke	Ken Wrezzes
Colleen Simon	Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League
Bruce Lorence	Sam English – KWVA
Bill Conner	Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux
Jerry Styrsky – Commander, VFW Post 2791	

**Excused:** Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee, Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman,  
Dave Montee – Commander, American Legion, Eva Reyes-Seitz – VFW Aux

**Absent:** Robert Baisa, Bill Hoffman - US Submarine Veterans,

**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.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

Donna reported that she has the flag and citations for Frank German and that Phil Clarke was ready to deliver them but they thought that maybe someone from Village government would like to do it, possibly Pat Rea. Wiley said he would check on it.

We also have the flags for Phillip Darcy and John Condon but the certificates are missing. Donna called Judy Biggert's office and Washington D.C. for replacements. She is waiting for a response. A question was raised as to the whereabouts of Ed Cooper's flag and citation Donna said she has no knowledge of any but the ones she has. Wiley said he would check his things to see if he may have it.

In the past the flags have been presented to the families in the cardboard boxes we received them in. It was decided that future flags would be presented in 3 sided flag display cases.

**Publicity and Public Relations:**

Wiley will be drafting new text for the commission's web page. He will cover Memorial Day, the yellow ribbon program and our dedication to Vietnam this year.

**Memorial Day - 5/30/11:**

Plans are coming together, speakers have been contacted, public works has been notified as to the number of chairs needed for the band and program information will be turned over to the Village for printing.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities:**

There will not be a parade on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Usual ceremonies will begin at McCarthy Park at 4pm.

**9/11 Remembrance:**

Wiley is trying to find out what the Village has planned for the day. If there is a parade we would like to have a Vietnam veterans float in it.

**Armed Forces Day – 5/21/11:**

Letters will be sent to the families of deployed troops inviting them to attend ceremonies at the Blue / Gold Star memorial on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Veterans Day – 11/11/11:**

This will run in conjunction with the annual Kevin Clarke motorcycle run. There may also be a parade on this date. We are working on having pins made up to present to the motorcycle riders that attend.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

The 3 framed and 3 unframed prints of "Reflections" have been picked up from Wyman's; they are stored in the vault at the Village hall.

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

We are still working on getting a decommissioned Sheridan tank from Ft. Sheridan as a static display on Veterans Drive. Wiley is working with the VFW on this.

**Yellow ribbon program:**

Volunteers will meet at the American Legion at 9am on May 21<sup>st</sup> before going out to place yellow ribbons on poles and trees around town. More ribbons have been ordered. Jack asked if the Legion and the VFW would each be willing to donate \$100.00 toward the purchase like they did last year. They will get back to him.

**Honor Flight Chicago:**

Honor flight is holding a fundraiser June 11<sup>th</sup> at Bourbon Street on 115<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Correspondence:**

Note from Cathleen VanElla concerning the artwork proposed by Omri Amrany a few years ago for a veteran's memorial. Wiley informed her that it was beyond our budget limits at this time.

**New Business:**

None

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:**

We received a plaque recognizing our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Welcome home for one of our members this Friday and another one on Saturday. Installation of officers on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Michael Sutter scholarship award at Andrew HS on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:**

Helped the Cooties at a taco fiesta last Saturday.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

Bob Shaffner was elected commander at the May meeting. Poppy days May 20 & 21. We have purchased Blue & Gold star flags to be given to the families at the memorial ceremony. May 1<sup>st</sup> we flagged the graves of veterans with the VFW. June 26<sup>th</sup> is our annual picnic. Kevin Clarke scholarship award at Andrew HS on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:**

No Report

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

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:**

Our annual Daisy Days fund raiser will be held June 3 & 4, and 10 & 11.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

May 21<sup>st</sup> we will be doing some fundraising.

**Any other business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2004 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be June 8th, 2011