

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the April 9, 2014 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

E- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

E- Bruce Lorence

A- Bill Conner

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League

E- Ronald Seiner– Cmdr, American Legion

A- Ken Fulton

E- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

E- Donna Gibbons

P- Bill Minnich - KWVA

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

P- Tony Castillo

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:

The Village Board is putting a resolution together for the Military Order of The Purple Heart to be presented at the Memorial Day ceremony. The Village is studying the feasibility of purchasing the mental health center property. Dave suggested that we prepare to participate in WWI memorial activities.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

No update on the A7 or the 105.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

It was suggested that we obtain a piece of artwork depicting military physical fitness to be presented to Bettenhausen Recreation Center.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

The flag for Jay Pritchett has been flown and is in our in-box. We're waiting for the certificates.

Blue / Gold Star memorial:

The Blue and Gold Stars have been installed.

Challenge Coins:

The coins have been paid for. Doug turned the coins over to Wiley.

Discover Tinley April 5th:

Our Commission was well represented, several flags were passed out.

Memorial Day – May 26, 2014:

We are still looking for a keynote speaker; Wiley will contact our recent Bronze Star recipient to see if he's willing to do it. Frank reported that Fr. Jay Finno of St. Stevens will do the invocation and benediction. Andrew H.S. band will provide the music.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

The Commission has selected Saturday May 10 as the day we will visit the Munster, IN Veterans Memorial. We will meet in the Village hall parking lot at 11am and car pool to the memorial.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

No Rep. - No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

No Rep. - No Report.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Rep. - No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLIARY:

No Rep. - No Report

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

No Rep. - No Report

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

There will be a pancake breakfast at the American Legion before The Kevin Clarke memorial run, the bikes will be blessed and then proceed to Abe Lincoln cemetery. We expect over 500 bikes.

Report from the Korean War Veterans

No Report

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

Recently we attended a members' wake, donated bandages to Hines Hospital and attended Discover Tinley. Viola days on May 16, 30 and 31st.

Any other business

Next year is the 70th anniversary of the end of WWII. If we are going to do anything we should budget for it now.

The meeting was adjourned at 2007 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held May 14, 2014