

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the September 10, 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	A- Ronald Seiner– Cmdr, American Legion
P- Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee	A- Ken Fulton
P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman	P- Jack Morley
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary	P- Arlene Morley
P- Colleen Simon	A- Ken Wrezzes
P- Bruce Lorence	P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
P- Bill Conner	P- Donna Gibbons
A- Robert Baisa	- Bill Minnich – KWVA, MOPH - <u>Resigned</u>
P- Doug Rasmussen	P- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA
P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League	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 has a better than 50% chance of acquiring the Mental Health Center property. This would allow for more space for veterans memorials. A memorial honoring all Tinley Park KIA's was discussed.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Bill Conner is going to Ft. Worth in Oct. and may have a line on a tank for us. Ron Seiner is not present to report on the canon he's working on.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Jim Wilkins suggested that we consider the senior center at the 911 center as a location to donate artwork. Doug Rasmussen presented several posters that would be appropriate for our proposed donation to the Bettenhausen Rec. Center. He and Wiley will check with the Rec. center to see how much wall space they can dedicate to these posters.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Donna Gibbons reported that all requested flags have been received and are flying or are scheduled to fly in the future.

Blue / Gold Star memorial:

Wiley will repaint the flag boarders. He also has requested that sod be planted around the flags.

Challenge Coins:

Wiley wrote an article that will be published in local newspapers and the Exchange stating that we are seeking names of recently returned vets. Coins will be presented at the Veterans Day ceremony. Donna suggested that we also include the letter in church bulletins.

Veteran's Breakfast - Sat. Oct 25, 2014:

Donna was unable to get either High School to provide a band or choral group for the breakfast. Donna did speak to Roger Pampel, a music teacher at Andrew H.S., who said he would be interested in providing the entertainment. His fee is \$150.00. The committee agreed to use him.

Norm passed out sign-up sheets for the breakfast. They will be available at the Legion, the VFW and the Village hall. A Legion or VFW chaplain will give the invocation. Tables will be provided for those military veterans groups who wish to pass out information on their groups.

Veterans Day – Tues. Nov. 11, 2014:

Central Jr. High will provide the band again this year. Challenge coins will be presented to eligible vets and the Education in Art in Public Buildings piece will be presented. We need to schedule someone to do the invocation. Chairman Roberts volunteered to be the guest speaker.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

No Rep. - No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

The Tinley Park Community Band will be performing at our Post Saturday Sep. 9th. We are involved in the VOD which offers a \$30,000.00 scholarship. We will hold a VOD dinner Jan. 10th. Tickets are \$20.00 each, table of 10 for \$200.00.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

We will be assisting the American Legion with their carnival.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLIARY:

The V.F.W Auxiliary has been disbanded

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

We won the National award again this year. We have been in existence for 11 years and have won the award 8 times.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

Nov.11 we will hold a Day at the races at Manteno.

Report from the Korean War Veterans

No Rep. - No Report

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart:

No Rep. - No Report

AVMRA

We have recently participated in several escorts for military personnel. Aug. 30th we assisted the VFW with a cook out at Manteno. Our annual pancake breakfast is Sunday Sept. 14th, 8am to noon; adults \$7 kids \$4.

Any other business

Bill Connor reported on what he found out about the veterans graves outside the Zion Cemetery. The graves are not being maintained and it is not clear on who owns the property. Bill will continue his research to determine ownership.

The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held October 8, 2014