

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the November 12, 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- Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee  
P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman  
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary  
P- Colleen Simon  
A- Bruce Lorence  
P- Bill Conner  
P- Robert Baisa  
E- Doug Rasmussen  
P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League  
P- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis – Cmdr, American Legion  
A- Ken Fulton  
A- Jack Morley  
E- Arlene Morley  
A- Ken Wrezzes  
E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans  
P- Donna Gibbons  
P- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA  
E- Tony Castillo  
P- Chris Hansley

**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:**

Not present

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

Bill Conner reported that he still has not heard anything from TACOM.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

Doug Rasmussen reported that he still hasn't heard from the Bettenhausen Rec. Center about available a space to place donated artwork yet.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

We have Eldon Millers flag. Wiley reported that the names of the veterans whose flags are currently flying at the OP station are now being displayed on the programmable LED sign across the street from the flag pole.

**Blue / Gold Star memorial:**

Wiley repainted the concrete, he also mentioned that PW has sodded around the flags.

**Challenge Coins:**

Challenge Coins were presented to current Village employees that are military veterans at the Veterans Day ceremony. Wiley is asking for the names and addresses of WWII and Korean War Vets so we can present them with Challenge Coins. A motion was made and passed to present Challenge Coins to WWII Tinley Park residents and WWII members of a Tinley Park veteran's organization. Coins will also be presented to Korean War Tinley Park residents and Korean War members of a Tinley Park veteran's organization if there are enough.

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

Several people signed up for the breakfast but didn't show up. We need to find a way to get them to show up or don't sign up.

**Veterans Day – Tues. Nov. 11, 2014:**

The tent worked out well and the turnout was decent considering the rain and cold weather.

**Gold Star Families Memorial:**

Wiley has contacted Ozinga about concrete for the memorial.

**Correspondence:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

We will have a booth at the Holiday Market Dec. 5, 6 & 7. We are in the planning stages of having Navy recruits at the Post on Christmas Day.

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

We have a holiday craft show Sat. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, Tinley Park Community Band will hold a spaghetti dinner Sunday Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, AVMRA went to Manteno today and presented them with a check for \$23,000.00 we will also be distributing holiday food baskets to needy vets

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY:**

We will be participating in the Holiday Market selling cookies and hot cider. There will be cookie decorating for the children.

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

No report, no rep.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

We have been told that Manteno will no longer allow food to be brought in from the outside. This would include food for picnics, day at the races etc. We will check this out with the people at Manteno.

**AVMRA**

On Veterans Day we presented a check to Manteno for \$23,250.00 along with a truckload of other needed items. AVMRA and the VFW will host recruits from Great Lakes training center on Christmas Day. We hold a holiday craft show Sat. Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Any other business**

Bill Conner reported on what he found out about the graves at Zion Cemetery that are fenced off and seem to be outside cemetery limits. He has contacted the Cook County Assessor and was told that the property in question belongs to Zion.

The meeting was adjourned at 2015 hrs.

No December 2014 meeting

The next Commission meeting will be held January 14, 2015