

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the January 14, 2015 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

P- Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee

P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

E- Bruce Lorence

P- Bill Conner

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League

A- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis – Cmdr, American Legion

P- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

E- Donna Gibbons

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

P- Tony Castillo

P- Chris Hansley

**Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:**

Addition to Nov. minutes – A motion was made and passed to purchase additional Challenge Coins as needed.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as amended.

**Remarks by Trustee Seaman:**

The Village is now in budget discussions. We need to think about what we need on Veterans Parkway. He also suggested that we look at a venue other than the Convention center for our All Service Breakfast.

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

Bill Conner reported that he still has not heard anything from TACOM but we are still on the list.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

Doug Rasmussen reported that he was told by Bettenhausen Rec. that they have no space for our proposed artwork donation. It was decided to make artwork donations to the 3 local high schools and Junior high schools instead. The presentations will be made to one school each year starting with Andrew H.S.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

Mike Gibbons reported for Donna that all flags and citations are up to date.

**Blue / Gold Star memorial:**

Wiley would like to see some decorative landscaping around the memorial.

**Challenge Coins:**

Wiley stated that we need to get the Challenge Coins into the hands of the WWII and Korea vets. Chris will put together a list of WWII and Korea vets. She needs lists of WWII and Korea vets from the various military veterans organizations in town. Bill McNellis suggested that any coins not presented at a Village function be distributed to the vets by the military organizations in town.

**Gold Star Families Memorial:**

Chris reported that if we commit funds to the project the memorial foundation would match the funds up to \$5,000.00. We need to get fundraising means and construction cost estimates for the project.

**Correspondence:**

Registration deadline for Discover Tinley is March 28<sup>th</sup>. Discover Tinley is April 11<sup>th</sup> 10am to 3pm.

**New Business:**

None

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

The Holiday Market was successful for us. We hosted Navy recruits from Great Lakes training center at the Post on Christmas Day. We have 2 laptop computers available at our Post with direct access to the VA and government job searches. These laptops are available to any vet anytime the Post is open.

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

We have our fish fries starting up and they will run through Lent. We also hosted Navy recruits from Great Lakes training center at the Post on Christmas Day.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:**

No report, no rep.

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

No report, no rep.

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

The day at the races at Manteno was cancelled due to their AV equipment being down.

**AVMRA**

No report, no rep.

**Any other business**

Bill Conner will forward the information he has on Zion cemetery to Brad Bettenhausen.

The meeting was adjourned at 2028 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held February 11, 2015