

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the Oct. 12, 2011 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1855 hrs.

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

P-Wiley Roberts – Chairman	A-Jerry Styrsky – Cmdr, VFW Post 2791
A-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee	A-Ken Fulton
P-Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman	E-Jack Morley
P-Norm Pestlin – Secretary	P-Arlene Morley
P-Matt Heffernan	E-Ken Wrezzes
A-Phil Clarke	P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League
P-Colleen Simon	P-Sam English – KWVA
P-Bruce Lorence	P-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
P-Bill Conner	P-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux
P-Robert Baisa	A-Eva Reyes-Seitz – VFW Aux
E-Bob Shaffner – Cmdr, American Legion	A-Dave Montee- American Legion Rep.

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.

Remarks by Trustee Seaman:

(Not present)

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Donna reported that she has been in contact with Judy Biggert's office and that they would try to get replacement certificates for the ones we are missing. Wiley spoke with Stanley Kranc from Oak Forest, who makes the flag display boxes, he agreed to make 6 for us at a cost of \$50.00 each.

Publicity and Public Relations:

The veterans breakfast was advertised in the Junction and the Trib Local. Wiley was interviewed by the local cable station at the "Patriots day parade". Judy B. suggested that we forward all of our upcoming events to Jan Boling in order to have them placed on the Village calendar and have them published in the local papers in a timely manner.

All Service Breakfast - Oct. 1, 2011:

Norm reported that 222 people had signed up. He did a rough count at the breakfast and came up with a little more than 160 people. 105 veterans signed registration sheets when they came in. The cost per person was \$10.50.

The 'Legacy Girls' and their 50's 60's show were well received by our guests. The 2012 breakfast will be held on Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

Veterans Day – Nov.11, 2011

Wiley will ask Village clerk/ Brig Gen Patrick Rea to be the keynote speaker at the Veteran's Day ceremony. Donna will ask a priest from St. Julies to do the invocation and Wiley will offer the opportunity to do the Benediction to another church. Central Middle School is scheduled to play at the ceremony. Three of the prints we have of the Lee Teter painting "Reflections" will be presented to the Village and to the Police and Fire Dept's.

We are going to couple the 'Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award' with the Veterans Day ceremony this year.

It was decided set up for the ceremony only in the Kallsen Center as we seem to have to move indoors by the weather more often than not in past years.

Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award:

Norm showed the committee 2 awards that Trustee Seaman selected at Evon's Trophies. The committee selected the octagon one. We also chose Dave Montee as the recipient of the award this year.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The artwork will be presented at the Veterans Day ceremony, 11/11/2011.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Judy Bruning ran a video presentation on the new train station and the veteran's walkway. A proposal has been made to sell benches and engraved paver bricks for the walkway. 4"x4" bricks would sell for

\$100.00 and 8"x8" for \$250.00. A question was raised as to where the World Trade Center beam would go. The commission voted unanimously that the WTC beam should be given a place of honor acceptable to the Police and Fire Depts.

The tank at Ft. Sheridan may become available to us in February.

**Yellow ribbon program:**

Coleen turned in \$26.25 that were the donated proceeds from the veterans breakfast and St. Julies Veterans Appreciation Day.

**Correspondence:**

Jim Wilkins, US Submarine Veterans, will replace Bill Hoffman on the commission. AVMRA will be holding its annual Manteno run Sun. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>.

**New Business:**

(None)

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

Fish fry Friday \$10.00 pp

Bob Oehmen is in Hines hospital on the 15th fl

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

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

Oct 29 the Legion Riders will host a Halloween Bash, advance tickets are \$10.00, \$12.00 at the door. There will be a VA rep at our Nov. meeting for anyone that needs to sign up or get information.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:**

No Report

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

Some of our members are serving as docents at the U505 and the Pritzker Library.

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

No Report

**REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:**

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> we held a "day at the races" for the Manteno vets. Sent 3 care packages to Colin Framke USMC.

**Any other business**

Bruce raised the question as to how appropriate it was to have canon in Memorial park near Fulton school. It was mentioned that the piece had been there for at least 50 years.

The meeting was adjourned at 2035 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be Nov. 9, 2011