

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the June 10, 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

A- Bill Conner

A- Robert Baisa

E- Doug Rasmussen

P- Frank Mulcahy - Marine Corp League

P- Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis –, American Legion

E- Jack Morley

E- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

P- Donna Gibbons

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

P- 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:

Dave reported that Chanute Air Force Base Museum is closing. We need to look into what types of military aircraft they may be looking to dispose of.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Fred Cagle reported that he is in contact with TACOM and is trying to get the 3 pieces from Fort Sheridan. We will need copies of the Village board meeting showing approval and funding for the moving and setup of the equipment.

Zion Cemetery veterans grave:

The fenced section where the veteran is buried seems to have been a potter's field. We have not yet been able to find out who owns it. Wiley will check with Zion Lutheran Church to see if we can cut the lock to gain access.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

No Report

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Donna has turned over all the info over to Chris. She will be taking over the program.

Blue / Gold Star memorial:

Wiley is going to touch up the paint and polish the stars.

Challenge Coins:

The American Legion has received and distributed the challenge coins to its WWII members.

Memorial Day – May 25th:

The weather was wet and windy but the ceremony went on. Zachary Paymaster read his VFW Voice of Democracy essay and Megan Hann presented her flag disposal project. Richard Jones, WWII Marine Corps Vet wasn't able to complete his speech but we hear is home and doing well. We should consider walls for the tent for future events.

Veterans Breakfast:

The Commission decided to hold the breakfast at Tinley Park High School this year. It will cost about half of what the Convention Center charges. Catering will be by Salina's Catering.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

Marine Corporal Thomas Davis is coming home June 20th. His mother would like Commission members to stop by their house to welcome him home.

Tony Castillo has been working on a program to hold a Lacrosse tournament to raise funds for the Wounded Warrior Project. He hopes to run the tournament on Memorial Day 2016.

In recognition of his service to the Commission a motion was passed for us to purchase a paver brick in honor of Bill Conner on Veterans Walkway if there is not one already there.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Ron Seiner's flag has been turned over to his family.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

July 4th our Honor Guard will participate in the Village celebration. Caribbean block party is July 19th. We are selling T shirts at the Tuesday night car shows. We have purchased life memberships for our WWII & Korean War members.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLIARY:

No Report – No Rep

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

We are working a docens at the U505 and the USS Cobia in Manitowoc, WI. The USS Illinois' launching date has been put of till the end of the year.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

Frank reported that he is stepping down from all of his MCL offices.

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):

We just finished with Daisy Days.

Report from the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):

We just finished with Viola Days.

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

None

The meeting was adjourned at 1957 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held September 9, 2015