

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the September 9, 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- Bernard Brady – Liaison Trustee

P- Mike Gibbons –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

A- Bill Conner

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

Fred Cagle – Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

P- Bill McNellis –, American Legion

P- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

E- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz– ALA, AVMRA

E- Tony Castillo

E- 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 Mayor Seaman & Trustee Bernard Brady:**

Dave introduced our new Liaison Trustee Bernard Brady who gave a short bio. Wiley asked Dave to draft a resolution stating approval by the Village of locations for military equipment displays. We need this approval in writing in order to receive equipment from TACOM.

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

Fred Cagle reported that TACOM still needs approval from the Village in order for us to get any surplus equipment. He is still trying to get 3 pieces from Fort Sheridan.

**Zion Cemetery veterans grave:**

We are still trying to gain access to the fenced section where the veteran is buried. We have not yet been able to find out who owns it.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

Doug Rasmussen reported that the piece we chose for Andrew H.S. has arrived and is at Wyman's awaiting framing. It will be presented to Andrew at our Veterans Day ceremony.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

Chris is waiting for the flag for James Parrish to be returned to the Vet Com mail box from Public Works. It flew over the train station during August. There are no other outstanding flag requests.

**Blue / Gold Star memorial:**

Nothing to report.

**Challenge Coins:**

Wiley presented coins to 2 WWII vets. The American Legion has given coins to all of its known WWII members, the VFW is still in the process of passing out the coins.

**Veterans Breakfast:**

The breakfast will be held at Tinley Park High School on Sat. Oct.10<sup>th</sup>. We will need signs directing people to the rear of the High School. Judy suggested we check with PW for sandwich boards. Salina's will provide the food and tables & chairs.

**Veterans Day:**

Wiley would like to have a speaker lined up by our next meeting.

**Correspondence:**

We received information from the Sec. of State informing us that veterans can now have the word "VETERAN" printed on their driver's license.

**New Business:**

Wiley made a motion to purchase a plaque for retiring commission members showing our appreciation for their time and service on the commission. Motion was seconded and passed.

Colleen asked members to take some of the blue ribbons she has to tie to their mail boxes or trees to show support for our first responders.

**REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

Legion Fest will take place Fri., Sat. & Sun. Oct. 2,3 &4.across from Bettenhausen on Oak Park. Ave.

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

We've had a busy summer with the car shows and music in the plaza. The state VFW is selling raffle tickets for 14 weapons. Orland Park is looking for volunteers to guard the Vietnam traveling wall Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> thru 4<sup>th</sup>.

**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:**

No Report – No Rep

**Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA):**

We had a state reunion July 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>. We presented a plaque to a past commander at the Manteno veteran's home.

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

We brought 2 boxes of non-stick tape to Hines VA Hospital.

**AVMRA**

Holding a pancake breakfast Sun. Sept.20<sup>th</sup> 8am to noon at the VFW. Adults \$7.00, kids \$4.00.

**Any other business**

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held October 14, 2015