

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the Nov. 9, 2011 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-Jerry Styrsky – Cmdr, VFW Post 2791
P-Dave Seaman – Liaison Trustee	P-Ken Fulton
E-Mike Gibbons – Vice-Chairman	E-Jack Morley
P-Norm Pestlin – Secretary	E-Arlene Morley
P-Matt Heffernan	A-Ken Wrezzes
A-Phil Clarke	P-Thomas Donnelly – Marine Corp League
P-Colleen Simon	P-Sam English – KWVA
E-Bruce Lorence	E-Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans
P-Bill Conner	E-Donna Gibbons – American Legion Aux
E-Robert Baisa	A-Eva Reyes-Seitz – VFW Aux
P-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:

Memorial paver bricks for the 80th Ave station are going on sale. We are waiting for prices for the benches. The Legion, VFW and Purple Heart have expressed an interest in purchasing a bench. The benches will be marble with the organization's logo engraved on it.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Donna gave the flags to Phil for distribution. Our source for flag cases in Oak Forest has not responded to our request for more cases. Wiley is going to check with Evon's to see if they have any in stock and will purchase 3 if available.

Publicity and Public Relations:

Wiley talked to Mike Gilbert from the Tinley Junction and asked that he publish an article that he wrote for Veterans day. Bill Conner suggested that, in the future, we put out flyers on our events and distribute them to local businesses.

Veterans Day – Nov.11, 2011

The ceremony will be held in the Kallsen Center this year. Central Middle School band will perform starting at 10:00am, the program will begin at 10:30am and the rifle salute will take place behind the building 11:00am as the Flag is raised in the front. Village clerk/ Brig Gen Patrick Rea will be the keynote speaker. There will be a table set up for the sale of yellow ribbons and memorial paver bricks..

Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Award:

The award will be presented to Dave Montee during the Veterans Day ceremony.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The artwork will be presented to Village Hall, the Police and Fire Dept. at the Veterans Day ceremony, 11/11/2011.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Wiley suggested that we consider having the traveling Vietnam wall at the dedication of the 80th Ave. train station next year. He has a flyer from American Veterans Traveling Tribute (AVTT). A motion was made, seconded and passed to pursue this.

Yellow ribbon program:

The American Legion turned in \$44.00 that were the proceeds from yellow ribbon sales.

Correspondence:

We have been notified that the military post offices in Iraq will be closing on Nov. 17th.

New Business:

Nov. 16th, from 8am to 4pm, Governors State University will host a veteran's entrepreneurial workshop.

We are still hoping to get involved in the ewaste program to help gather old computers which will then be used to teach vets computer skills.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Fish fry Friday 11/18, \$10.00 pp. Next year we will not be having fish fries in the winter just during Lent. We will be packing food baskets from 7am to 10am on the 19th. We will be closed on Thanksgiving.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Thursday 11/10 we will present colors at McAuliffe school. Present colors at Central Middle School on Fri. with the VFW. Sat. 11/12 is our turkey shoot, 4pm to ?, \$10.00 pp for a complete turkey dinner. Nov.17 Toby Tire will present a safety program at St. George and Trinity Lutheran schools. Dec.3rd, 8th dist. holiday hop at our post. The VA will be at our Dec. meeting to answer questions and explain benefits. We will be hosting about 40 Navy recruits for Christmas again this year.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILLARY:

No Report

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

No Report

REPORT FROM THE KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

Our paymaster Jim Miles passed away in October.

Any other business

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2000 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held Dec. 14, 2011