

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the April 9, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:04 p.m. Housekeeping items for the good of the order were announced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

E – Dr. Doug Rasmussen, DC - Chairman

P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary

A - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

P - Bruce Haffner

E - Jimmy Hunter

P - Norm Pestlin

P - Paul Windish

P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander (ex-officio)

A – Mike Rowan, Commander Amer. Legion (ex-officio)

E - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison

A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison

E - Robert Colby

P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.

P - Danny Kent, Marine Corps League

P - Georges Sanon

E - Ken Wrezzes (Assoc.)

Norm Pestlin chaired the meeting.

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from March 12, 2025 meeting were distributed. Chris Hansley made a motion to approve as amended. Paul Windish seconded, all approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- Trustee Sullivan reviewed some informational handouts she distributed to the commission (May 15th veterans dinner dance & a free veterans luncheon on May 17), she also announced the new businesses that will be opening soon - bicycle shop, Pete's Fresh Market, Jack-in-the-Box, and Chick-fil-a.
- Cruise nights will start in early June.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Commander Cagle stated that the M84 will be sanded down on May 21st as part of the repainting project.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Bruce Haffner reported that the Orland Park Library will feature a display during October and November on military rations through the years.

Correspondence:

- There is no correspondence.

Ongoing Business:

- Memorial Day:
 - Roxane Tyssen stated that part I of the application process will be started tomorrow.
 - Equipment staging was discussed with her as well as with Chairman Rasmussen.
 - Commander Cagle talked about the equipment that has been requested and provided an update on that.
 - Music options were reviewed.

New Business:

- Nothing to report.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - Fred Cagle mentioned that Loyalty Day was coming up and explained the details with regards to it.
 - A blood drive is scheduled for April 19th.
 - Fred Cagle is now the longest commander that VFW Post 2791 has ever had.
 - There is a new veterans housing complex in Chicago Heights that the Post donated \$2,000 to that will go towards furnishings for four veterans.
- VFW Auxiliary:
 - There is a pancake breakfast on April 13th at the VFW through AVMRA.
 - There is a craft fair coming in July.
 - The golf outing is scheduled for August 2nd.
- Report from the American Legion:
 - Queen of Hearts is now over \$7,000.

Announcements:

- Georges Sanon mentioned a town hall meeting on citizenship will be held at Prairie State College.

Comments from the public:

- There was no public in attendance.

Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley made the motion, Bruce Haffner seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 14, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

*The military Banner Program can be found here:

https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php