

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the April 8, 2026 Veteran's Commission Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:00 p.m. Housekeeping items for the good of the order were announced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

A moment of silence was given for the soldiers who have recently lost their lives.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P - Dr. Doug Rasmussen, DC - Chairman	E - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary	A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
E - Robert Bullard - US Sub Vets	A - Robert Colby
P - Mark Ethridge	P - Bruce Haffner
P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.	E - Jimmy Hunter
P - Steve Noodwang	P - Norm Pestlin
P - Georges Sanon	P - Nick Suleyman (Assoc. Commissioner)
E - Paul Windish	
P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander (ex-officio)	
A - Mike Rowan, Commander Amer. Legion (ex-officio)	

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from the March 2026 meeting were read. Mark Ethridge made a motion to approve as amended. Steve Noodwang seconded, all approved. Minutes approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- Nothing to report.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- There are no updates on equipment.
- Village email announced there will be construction on Veteran's Parkway at some point this year. The email did not specify as to when.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- Jimmy Hunter provided some information to be passed on to Bruce Haffner.

Ongoing Business:

- Memorial Day:
 - Participants (band, pastor, speaker, etc.) that have been lined up were confirmed.
- America's 250th / Independence Day / July 4th Celebrations:
 - Bruce Haffner commented that the Mayor announced at the senior center luncheon, there will be fireworks on the 3rd and 4th of July. The Village of Tinley Park will be

doing the one of the 3rd. The Park District will be co-sponsoring with the Village the fireworks on the 4th.

- No mention of a parade has been announced. It is still up in the air.
- Benches:
 - Mark Ethridge updated the commission on the status of the bench.
- KIA Memorial:
 - Bruce Haffner announced there is an upcoming zoom/Teams meeting on Monday, May 4th. Doug Rasmussen mentioned that this is a project kick-off meeting and he will update the commission at the next meeting.
 - Fred Cagle is concerned that the ones that are designing it are non-veterans.
- Honorary Street Signs:
 - Nothing to report at this time.

New Business:

- Roxane Tyssen discussed a plan that the Sister Cities Commission has for a dedication for America's 250th. This would include collaboration with the Veteran's Commission / veteran's organizations in Tinley Park.
 - Fred Cagle was asked to do an interview for the Honor Flight organization. He discussed how they went about recording it as a film.
 - Doug Rasmussen was invited to attend the next Sister Cities Commission meeting.
- Steve Noodwang brought up parking issues for volunteers on Cruise Night. Officer King discussed the issue with him.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Nothing to report.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - Loyalty Day is May 1st. The VFW and Legion will collaborate to put flags out.
 - There is a car raffle for a Chevy Trax from Apple Chevrolet. Tickets are on sale at the Post. Drawing is on September 1st.
 - Cruise Nights will be happening again this summer.
 - The VFW has a new website which is generating a lot of traffic for the hall rental.
 - The 16th District is having a golf outing on June 20th. The Markham Post is sponsoring the event.
- VFW Aux:
 - April 18th blood drive at Post 2791.
 - The Auxiliary is having a golf outing will on August 1st at the Odyssey, \$125/golfer. A dinner will follow at the Post.
- AVMRA:
 - All you can eat pancake breakfast is on Sunday, April 26th at the VFW post.
- American Legion:
 - Looking to do a block party in early August. This is still in the planning stages. There will be a band and other entertainment.
 - A VSO representative is present at the Legion's monthly meetings. They arrive around 5/5:30 and will work with everyone who is present and needs assistance. This is available for any veteran.

Announcements:

- Georges Sanon handed out information for Cook County resident veterans for discounted Chicago White Sox tickets.
 - He mentioned that both Will and Cook County have veterans discount cards you can apply for.
- Georges also handed out information (that included links) for:
 - Veterans who need assistance with burial plans.
 - The Legacy Program for veterans.
- Steve Noodwang mentioned that the banner program does not include an option for Space Force.

Public Comments:

- Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to adjourn, Steve Noodwang made the motion, Mark Ethridge seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.