

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the August 9, 2017 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

E- Pat Carr - Liaison

P- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

E- Bruce Lorence

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr.

P- Bill Porter –American Legion Cmdr.

P- Jack Morley

E- Arlene Morley

P- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins-US Submarine Vets

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA

P- Chris Hansley

P- Jim Taylor - MCL

E-Tom Kens

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison

No trustee liaison appointed yet.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

No updates on the F-86 or from TACOM

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Tentative dates for the dedication of the bronze plaque for Andrew HS are Aug. 25th and Sep. 8th. The military service organizations will co-ordinate the make-up of the color guard for the ceremony.

The agenda was temporarily suspended to allow a presentation by V.E.T. Service Dogs,NFP. Tom Koziol and Paul Marchiori explained their program for providing vets with PTSD and traumatic brain injury with fully trained service dogs.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Three fags are flying at this time at the American Legion the VFW and the Oak Park Ave train station. We have 6 more to fly in coming months.

Memorial Day:

The Memorial Day celebration was well attended and the weather was pleasant. We need to consider a bigger tent for next year. Also, we need to get a better PA system or passably placing additional speakers outside the tent. We had several comments about people not being able to hear what was going on.

Veterans Breakfast:

The breakfast will be held Oct. 14, 2017 at American Legion Post 615. Doors will open at 8:30am and we will serve at 9:30am. The Veteran Volunteer organization award was discussed, we have until our next meeting to decide of a recipient,

Chamber of Commerce veteran's roundtable:

Monday Aug. 21st at 7:00pm in the Kallsen Center. Wiley will attend the meeting.

Correspondence:

The Odyssey golf foundation is hosting its annual veteran's golf outing on Sept. 14th .

New Business:

Abraham Lincoln Cemetery will hold a direct burial o Tuesday Sept 12th at 9am, shelter C.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

No Report

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We will be holding a blood drive on Saturday Sep. 23rd, from 9am to 1pm. On Oct. 15 we will host a reception for Middle East conflict veterans.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

Sat. Aug. 26th, we will hold a golf outing at Odyssey. We will hold a craft fair in October

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

Jim Wilkins will be stepping down from his position at the end of the year and is looking for a replacement to fill his position.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

No Report

Report from the Korean War Veterans (KWVA) / the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH):

We presented a scholarship at Andrew HS.

AVMRA

No report - No rep

Any other business

None

Comments from the public:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2032 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held September 13, 2017