

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the September 13, 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
A-Michael Mangin - Board Liaison
A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison
P- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary
P- Colleen Simon
E- Bruce Lorence
P- Robert Baisa
P- Doug Rasmussen
P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPHA

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr.
P- Bill Porter –American Legion Cmdr.
E- Jack Morley
E- Arlene Morley
P- Ken Wrezzes
A- Jim Wilkins-US Submarine Vets
A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA
P- Chris Hansley
P- Jim Taylor - MCL
A-Tom Kens

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

After a minor correction was made a motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the August meeting.

The agenda was temporarily suspended for the introduction of members of the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce Veterans Action Committee, Patty Ridings, Karli Grace and Jim Thompson. They are offering veterans support from the Chamber and its members.

Remarks by Liaison

No report – No Liaison

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

No updates on the F-86 or from TACOM

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

On Friday September 8th, we presented the bronze plaque to Andrew HS prior to a varsity football game. The school also honored all veterans, police, firefighters and first responders at the ceremony.

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 will be flying flags only on Oak Park Ave in Oct, Nov and Dec.

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. Sign-up sheets were distributed to the American Legion, the VFW and will be available the Village Hall. Chris is soliciting door prizes from local businesses.

Veteran Volunteer Organization Award:

The Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery Memorial Squad was selected as the recipient of this year's Veteran Volunteer organization award. The award will be presented at the Veterans Breakfast on Oct. 14th.

Correspondence:

A Village resident called to find out how he can obtain one of the yellow ribbons we were selling. Wiley will let him know we are no longer running the program.

New Business:

The next direct burial at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery will be Thursday Dec. 14th at 9am, shelter C.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

A health fair will be held at the VA clinic in Oak Lawn on Oct. 6th

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We will be holding a blood drive on Saturday Sep. 23rd, from 9am to 1pm. Oct. 13th & 14th is our Poppy weekend. Oct 15th we will host a reception for Middle East conflict veterans.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

Sat. Sep. 16th. we will have a Fall festival; craft show. Oct 28th we will host a Halloween party at Manteno veterans home

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

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

We are planning a “Day at the Races” at Manteno veterans home.

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

KWVA Ch.23 will be hosting the State convention on Sep. 22nd & 23rd.

AVMRA

Will hold a pancake breakfast from 8am to noon on Sunday the 17th.

Any other business

None

Comments from the public:

Jim Thompson from the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce Veterans Action Committee commented on how impressed he was with the involvement and commitment of our Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 2004 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held October 11, 2017