

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the October 11, 2017 Meeting

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the meeting was called to order by the Secretary at 1900 hrs.

P=Present – E=Excused – A=Absent

E- Wiley Roberts – Chairman
P-Michael Mangin - Board Liaison
A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison
E- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary
P- Colleen Simon
E- Bruce Lorence
E- Robert Baisa
E- Doug Rasmussen
P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPHA

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

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

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

Remarks by Liaison

Trustee Mangin introduced himself and expressed his pleasure in being assigned to our Commission.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

No updates on the F-86 or from TACOM. Norm reported on an A7 Corsair that is available from an American Legion Post in Cullom, IL. We need to find out what costs we would incur to move it to Tinley Park and prepare it for display.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

No Report

Memorial Flag and Citation:

One flag is currently flying at the Oak Park Ave train station. We have 2 more to fly in Nov. & Dec. with one more on order.

Veterans Breakfast:

We have 111 people signed up at this time. By holding this at the American Legion this year we saved almost \$1,000.00 over using the high school. We will open at 8:30am, present Colors at 9:00am and serve breakfast at 9:30am.

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.

Veteran's Day – Sat. 11/11/17

We will try to get a larger tent and more chairs for the ceremony. Trustee Mike Mangin has offered to be our guest speaker. The ceremony will begin at 10am at the General Patrick Rea Veterans Plaza.

Col. David Seaman Veteran Volunteer Award

Dr. Doug Rasmussen was selected as the recipient of the Col. David Seaman Veteran Volunteer Award which will be presented at the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Correspondence:

We received 2 replies to a request for information about deployed soldiers that appeared in a recent edition of the Tinley Park Exchange.

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Our 8th district will hold the Holiday Hop at Evergreen Park Post on Dec. 2nd, \$35.00 pp. We will again be hosting recruits from Great Lakes training center on Christmas Day at our Post.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We also are hosting recruits from Great Lakes on Christmas Day. This weekend is our Poppy weekend. Oct 15th, we will host a reception for Middle East conflict veterans.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

We had our fall festival craft show and are thinking about having another one in the spring.

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

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

We are doing a "Day at the Races" at Manteno veterans home this Sunday.

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

KWVA State convention was held on Sep. 22nd & 23rd. Our chapter will hold a Christmas party on Dec.7th at the VFW.

AVMRA

AVMRA will hold its 19th annual Manteno Veteran's run on Nov. 5th

Any other business

The Goldstar Family Monument groundbreaking will take place in Springfield, IL at Oak Ridge Cemetery on Mon. Oct.30th at 1:00pm.

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 2000 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held November 8, 2017