

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the May 10, 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

P- Pat Carr - Liaison

P- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

P- Bruce Lorence

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPH

A- Fred Cagle–Past VFW Cmdr

P- Bill McNellis– Cmdr. American Legion

E- Jack Morley

P- Arlene Morley

A- Ken Wrezzes

P- Jim Wilkins - US Submarine Veterans

A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA

P- Chris Hansley

P- Don Tomich MCL

P-Tom Kens

P- Jim Hudik - Cmdr. VFW Post 2791

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the minutes of the April 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:

Doug reported that the bronze plaque for Andrew HS has been delivered and is waiting to be installed. A dedication ceremony will be held in conjunction with a football game in August.

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 3 to fly in June, 3more in July and 2 for August. One will fly in February 2018 at the request of the family.

Memorial Day – Mon., May 29th, 2017:

Wiley has secured a chaplain for the ceremony. We will not feature a guest speaker this year due to having a full program. The program will include The VFW “Voice of Democracy” winner, a Battlefield Cross Ceremony, presentation of a wreath in memory of all fallen veterans, the announcement of 6 new bricks installed on the hero’s walk and dedication of the stone in memory of Ed Trennert. Andrew HS band will provide the music.

Correspondence:

A letter from the Tilney Park Chamber of Commerce led to a discussion on their proposal to form their own veterans commission. Wiley will set up a meeting with the chamber.

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Poppy Days May 19th. The Kevin Clarke scholarship will be presented next Wednesday. We will be holding a carnival in the spring – more info at our next meeting.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

Our new Battlefield Cross monument will be dedicated at noon on May 27th. Cruise Nights will start on the first Tuesday in June. Our Poppy Days will be on Sep. 29 & 30. We are holding a blood drive on Sep. 23rd.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

Sat. Aug. 26th. we will hold a golf outing at Odyssey.

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

Jim reported on the several activities they are involved in from Abraham Lincoln Cemetery to the Museum of Science & Industry.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORP LEAGUE:

We will be holding the installation of new officers next week.

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

We bought a refrigerator for the oncology ward at Hines Hospital. We attended honors night at several local high schools.

We are still working on having our KWVA chapter hosting the State convention this year. On the 26th we will present an award to a ROTC student at Shephard HS.

AVMRA

No report = No rep

Any other business

Bill McNellis– Cmdr. American Legion announced that this is his last meeting as a member of the commission. A new commander takes over in July.

The next direct burial at Abraham Lincoln Cemetery is Monday June 12th, 9am, shelter C.

Comments from the public:

none

The meeting was adjourned at 2023 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held August 9, 2017