

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the November 8, 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- Bill Porter –American Legion Cmdr.
P-Michael Mangin - Board Liaison	P- Jack Morley
P- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison	P- Arlene Morley
A- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman	A- Ken Wrezzes
P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary	A- Jim Wilkins-US Submarine Vets
P- Colleen Simon	A- Eva Reyes-Seitz – AVMRA
E- Bruce Lorence	P- Chris Hansley
P- Robert Baisa	P- Jim Taylor - MCL
P- Doug Rasmussen	
P- Bill Minnich KWVA, MOPHA	

E- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr.

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 reported that there are many good things going on in the Village right now and he should be better able to elaborate on them at our next meeting.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Wiley reported that he had spoken to the American Legion commander in Cullom, IL about the A-7 Corsair that they are trying to get rid of. We will need to maintain a \$15,000.00 insurance policy on the plane. We still need to determine the total costs of transportation, cleaning & painting and site preparation.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Nothing in the works at this time.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

One flag is currently flying at the Oak Park Ave train station. Eight new bricks for the walkway should be in place by Veteran's Day.

Veterans Breakfast:

Based on sign-ups we ordered food for 120 people. There were 64 vets that showed up and 47 guests. We will try to schedule Saturday, October 13th at the American Legion for the breakfast next year.

Veteran's Day – Sat. 11/11/17

We will be using a larger tent and more chairs this year. Trustee Mike Mangin has another commitment and will try to get another board member to be our guest speaker. The luncheon after the ceremony will be provided by the VFW.

Correspondence:

The 2 replies we received to a request for information about deployed soldiers that appeared in a recent edition of the Tinley Park Exchange were turned over to our Staff Liaison.

New Business:

The direct burial dates for Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery are –
Thurs. Dec 14th – 9am – Shelter C
2018
Fri. Apr. 13th – 9am – Shelter C
Mon. July 9th – 9am – Shelter C
Tues. Oct 9th – 9am – Shelter C

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Our 8th district will hold the Holiday Hop at Evergreen Park Post on Dec. 2nd, \$35.00 pp. The auxiliary will hold a Christmas party on Dec. 10th. We will again be hosting recruits from Great Lakes training center on Christmas Day at our Post.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We are still having our breakfast every Monday morning from 8am to 10am, everyone is welcome. Fridays we have karaoke from 8pm to midnight. The Queen of Hearts is at \$35,000.00. Drawings are held every Wed. at 7pm. Concealed Carry classes on the 24th & 25th from 2pm to 10pm. We had 200 people for the Manteno run this year.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

We are planning on having a craft show in the Spring.

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

No Report – No Rep

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

No Report

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

KWVA donates \$1,000.00 every year to the veteran's homes and the Purple Heart vets donates pumpkin pies for them to have with their dinners. St George is honoring vets on Thurs the 9th at 9:30am in the gym. Victor Andrew HS will honor vets on the 10th at 11:00am

AVMRA

We will be hosting recruits from Great Lakes training center on Christmas Day.

Any other business

Wraths Across America is Sat. Dec. 16th at ALNC

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 2014 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held December 13, 2017