

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the January 10,2018 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- Michael Mangin - Board Liaison

A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison

E- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Colleen Simon

E- Bruce Lorence

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Bill Porter –Amer.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 after correction.

Remarks by Liaison

Mike reported that the Village has just completed an audit and it came out very good. The Lakota Group is looking for input from the public on improvements to Oak Park Ave.

Wiley introduced George Sanon, Coordinator, Student Veterans Center at Prairie State College. He described some of the programs he is running at Prairie State.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

Wiley is looking for the contact information of the woman at Wright Patterson AFB that handles surplus equipment. It was suggested that we look into having the Illinois National Guard move the A7 from Cullom,IL with a helicopter.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug is still trying to get photos of military bands to present to our local school bands.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We received one flag request from Brady-Gill FH. We have no flags to fly in January but do have one we have been holding, at the family's request, that will fly in February.

Memorial Day - 5/28/2018

Andrew HS band has been contacted is scheduled to perform. Several suggestions were made as to who to ask to be our guest speaker. Doug knows of a female WWII vet that may be interested in speaking. He will check on it.

Correspondence:

None

New Business:

None

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

Bill spoke about John Freitag, a WWI vet who served as commander of Post 615 three times during his 72 years as a member. His wake is tomorrow.

We hosted 51 recruits from Great Lakes training center and 10 veterans from the Manteno Veterans home on Christmas Day at our Post.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

February 2nd we will be starting our fish fries which will till Good Friday. VFW commander Jim Hudik will be speaking at the League of Women Voters this Saturday.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

We have moved the Spring craft show to Sunday July 22nd at the VFW.

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):

The KWVA is going to a state meeting Saturday..

AVMRA

No Report – No Rep

Any other business

None

Comments from the public:

George Sanon commended the commission on their work. He also mentioned that Prairie State College will be having a resource fair on March 7th from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 2013 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held February 14, 2018