

Tinley Park Veterans Commission  
Minutes of the August 8, 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

A- Board Liaison

A- Pat Carr - Staff Liaison

P- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Bill Porter –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

P- Ken Wrezzes

P- John Connon -US Sub Vets

P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

A- Eva Reyes AVMRA, VFW Aux.

E- 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. The Chairman reported that Jack & Arlene Morley have resigned from the Commission. We thank them for their many years of service, they will be missed.

**Remarks by Liaison**

No Report

**Static Display for Veterans Parkway:**

Norm reported that the 155mm Howitzer we had been trying to get from TACOM is now being taken care of and has been transferred to the Village of Willow Springs. We have a chance of getting 2 track vehicles from TACOM, one mortar carrier and an APC troop carrier. Wiley showed the members photos of the proposed location for these pieces on Veterans Drive.

We have a promise of the concrete for a pad but need someone to pour and finish the concrete. Wiley will check to see if public works can form, pour and finish the concrete.

**Education in Art in Public Buildings:**

Andrew HS has a new athletic director, Doug will have to coordinate with him to get the plaque we donated last year installed.

He is also working on getting a creative arts display from Hines VA Hospital set up at Vogt Visual Arts Center. No update yet on acquiring military band artwork.

**Memorial Flag and Citation:**

Working on clearing the backlog.

**Memorial Day - 5/28/2018**

The program went well, our guest speaker SSG Joanne Tammarro was well received and much appreciated.

Suggestions for next time – Turn speakers or use additional speakers so people outside the tent can hear what's going on, especially near the flag pole.

**Veterans Breakfast – October 13, 2018**

Will be held at the American Legion again this year, doors open at 8:30am, post Colors at 9am, serve at 9:30am. A discussion was held on starting at a later time and making it a brunch, but the majority were in favor of staying with a 8:30am start. Sign-up sheets will be available at our next meeting.

Member were asked for suggestions for the volunteer organization award.

## **Veteran's Day – November 11, 2018**

We are looking for a guest speaker, a chaplain and a recipient for the Col. Dave Seaman volunteerism award.

**Correspondence:** None

### **New Business:**

We will purchase an 8"x8" brick on Veterans Plaza for Colleen Simon for her years of service on the Veterans Commission. Wiley is working on a village proclamation honoring Colleen.

### **REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:**

Yesterday the Chamber of Commerce presented us with a check for \$1,100.00. The moving Vietnam wall will be in Oak Forest Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. They are looking for help at the wall.

### **REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:**

This Sunday we will be hosting a picnic for the vets at the Manteno vet hospital.

### **V.F.W. AUXILIARY:**

Eva Reyes-Seitz was elected auxiliary president for 2018-2019. Aug 12<sup>th</sup> we will be helping the VFW at the Manteno picnic, the golf outing date has changed from Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> to Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup>,

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

Our memorial on the Chicago Riverwalk should be completed by April or May 2019. This Sat. at Hines Hospital we're having a WWII submariners' picnic.

### **REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:**

We held our annual picnic with the SAL in Manteno on the 29<sup>th</sup>. On Oct. 14 we'll be doing "a day at the races" at Manteno.

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

KWVA held their Daisey Days in June & July at several locations. On July 28<sup>th</sup> a ceremony was held at Kennedy Park, 108<sup>th</sup> & Western, to commemorate the Korean War armistice. At the State meeting in Normal, IL it was decided that there would be no more annual conventions. They will try to hold an annual dinner. MOPH held Viola Days in May.

### **AVMRA**

No Report

### **Any other business**

none

### **Comments from the public:**

Georges Sanon, Coordinator, Student Veterans Center at Prairie State College spoke on a couple of programs they were sponsoring in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 2016 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held September 12, 2018