

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the January 9, 2019 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

A- Tony Castillo –Vice-Chairman

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

E- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Chris Hansley

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Bill Porter –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

P- Ken Wrezzes

E- Eva Reyes AVMRA, VFW Aux.

E- Jim Taylor - MCL

P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

Corrections/additions to minutes of the last meeting:

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

Remarks by Liaison

No Report

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

We need a contractor to form and pour a concrete pad for the mortar carrier. The concrete and rebar have been donated. Wiley is in contact with the people in Colum, IL about the A7 Corsair that we are looking at obtaining.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

Doug reported that the creative arts therapist at Hines VA Hospital asked him to put together a flyer that they will distribute to their patients asking for submissions of veteran's artwork.

We are working on putting together some form of military band related artwork to present to our local school bands.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

We have about 10 flags ready to fly.

Veteran's Day:

A motion was made and passed to send Central Middle School Band \$150.00 for their performance at the Veteran's Day Ceremony.

Memorial Day – May 27, 2019

Doug has a prospective speaker for the Memorial Day Ceremony. He will have more info at our next meeting.

Bill will ask Joe Werner from the Veteran's Garage to bring some of his military vehicles to the ceremony and possibly his restored canon.

Correspondence:

Discover Tinley Expo is April 6th, 10am tp 3pm at the Convention Center.

New Business:

Norm reported that he had contacted a new caterer that knows how to make SOS for the next breakfast.

The newly renovated Veteran's Park memorial will be re-dedicated on May 18th, we will participate,

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

We hosted 55 recruits from Great Lakes on Christmas day along with 13 vets from the Manteno veteran's home. Friday March 15th is the 100th anniversary of the American Legion and we will be holding a dinner at the Post. Sunday, Jan. 13th the SAL will run a chili off and a "Show me the money" game. Sunday March 3rd we will have Corned Beef sandwiches at the Post. Sat. March 23rd the SAL will hold a shrimp boil.

We are suspending our Kevin Clarke scholarship at Andrew HS due to their lack of co-operation on Legion programs and their uncooperativeness on other military programs.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We hosted 40 recruits on Christmas day. The Queen of Hearts drawing is up to \$66,000 +. Monday mornings the post is open for free coffee & donuts for all veterans. Feb. 10th AVMRA will have a chili cookoff. Feb. 16 we will have our Valentines dance.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

We will hold a card and bunco party on April 28th.

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

We were at Wreaths across America and the direct burial yesterday. We're currently fundraising to place markers along rivers that submarines traveled.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

The January & February meetings have been cancelled.

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

KWVA – No Jan. meeting – no report

MOPH - no report

AVMRA

none

Any other business

none

Comments from the public:

Georges Sanon, Student Veterans Coordinator at Prairie State College reported on the Veterans Resources Fair to be held on Thursday March 7th at the Prairie Center. On March 20th they will hold a women's empowerment program.

The meeting was adjourned at 2017 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held February 13, 2019