

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the Sep 11, 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

P- Norm Pestlin –Secretary

A- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Chris Hansley AVMRA-VFWAux.

P- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Jim Taylor –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

P- Ken Wrezzes

A- Eva Reyes

P- Don Tomich - 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 are ready to go on the pad for the Mortar carrier. PW will excavate for the pad and furnish welded wire mesh. Wily has contractors to supply the concrete and form, pour and finish the pad. Photos will be taken during the construction of the pad to show TACOM that it was built to specifications.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

The 3 pictures of the USAF Band that we will be presenting to local school bands are being framed. We will present the framed pictures to the Memorial and Andrew school bands at Veteran's Day and Memorial Day.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Nothing new to report.

Veterans park re-dedication – May 18th, 2019

We participated in the re-dedication of Veteran's Park.

Memorial Day – May 27, 2019

The weather cooperated and the ceremony went very well. Colleen Simon's brick was in place near the flagpole on Veteran's Plaza and the veteran's bricks were in place on the walkway.

Veterans Breakfast – Oct. 12, 2019

Chris will solicit gifts for the drawing. We will use the chaplain from the Legion for the invocation. Next years breakfast has been booked for Oct. 10th, 2020. Signup sheets will be available at the next meeting. We are using Mario's catering this time. Doors open at 8:30 am, present colors at 9:00am and serve breakfast at 9:30am.

We will be taking nominations for the Veteran Volunteer Organization award at our next meeting.

Correspondence:

We received a thank you letter from the Park Dist. thanking us for our participation in the re-dedication of Veteran's Park.

New Business:

Doug recently participated in a 22 mile ruck walk to raise awareness of the 22 veteran's per day that commit suicide due to PTSD and TBI. He would like to see this continue annually in Tinley Park.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

By Congress recently declaring that the United States has been continuously engaged in a state of war from December 7, 1941 to the present., membership eligibility in The American Legion has been expanded to include these dates.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

We have 2 more weeks of Cruise Nights. Poppy days will be Sept 13th & 14th AVMRA will hold a pancake breakfast Sep. 22nd.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

No Report.

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

No Report.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

July 13th we held our Christmas in July craft & vendor show. August 10th we held freedom fest. Sat Aug 24th we will hold a golf outing at Odyssey CC. Sun. Sep 15 card & Bunco party, Sun. Oct. 6th craft & vendor show.

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

KWVA – We held Daisy Days in June and July.

MOPH – No Report

AVMRA

No Report

Any other business

The next direct burial at Lincoln Cemetery will be Oct. 21st , 0900 shelter C. Mrs. Kim Baugh and her son Charles have a Scout project to help Veterans who are unable to put flags up around their home.

At our next meeting we will be putting together the Veterans Day program, we need a chaplain, guest speaker and Veteran Volunteer nomination.

Comments from the public:

Bruce Haffner from the Tinley Park Historical Society reported that they have recently set up a military room.

Tues. Aug 20th there will be a military vehicle display at Cantigny Park in Wheaton.

The meeting was adjourned at 2022 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held September 11, 2019