

Tinley Park Veterans Commission
Minutes of the Nov. 13, 2020 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

P- Robert Baisa

P- Doug Rasmussen

P- Chris Hansley -VFWAux.

P- Georges Sanon

P- Jimmy Hunter

P- Karen Tobola

E- Jim Hudik – VFW Cmdr

P- Jim Taylor –Amer.Legion Cmdr.

E- Ken Wrezzes

A- Eva Reyes AVMRA

P- Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

P-Don Tomich - MCL

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

Vietnam KIA memorial sign

Roger Kolling addressed the group in support of honoring 2 fellow Marines that he grew up with in Tinley Park who lost their lives in Vietnam. Robert McAllister was awarded the Silver Star and Edward Novak was awarded the Bronze Star for their heroic actions in Vietnam. Mr. Kolling would like to see a sign that he had made up mounted on a pole at 175th & 94th ct. which is within 1 block of each of their homes. Also he would like to see 175th St given the honorary name of “McAllister St.” and 94th ct. given the honorary name of “Novak ct“. The Commission unanimously approved this proposal.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

The paperwork for acquiring the Mortar carrier with TACOM is nearing completion. Wiley spoke with Crown Painting in Frankfort to get an estimate on painting the M84. They estimated \$16,500.00. We discussed holding a fundraiser to cover these costs.

Education in Art in Public Buildings:

We presented a picture of the USAF Band to Central Middle school band at our Veteran’s Day ceremony. They were extremely happy to receive it.

Doug is looking for materials for presenting fired shell casings to our guest speakers.

Memorial Flag and Citation:

Nothing new to report.

Veterans Breakfast – Oct. 12, 2019

We had 120 people in attendance, 73 were vets and 47 were guests. Everyone was quite pleased with the caterer and the quality of their food. Representatives from Maher Funeral Home were in attendance to receive the Veteran Volunteer Organization Award for their service to veterans.

Veteran's Day

The event was well attended considering the weather. The only negative comments were that some people said that they couldn't hear the PA system and others said the sound was garbled. The subject was also raised about holding the ceremony on a weekend instead of Nov. 11th. The unanimous feeling of the commission was that we will always hold it on the 11th day of the month no matter what day of the week it falls on. Moving it to another day would be like moving Christmas to a date other than Dec. 25th.

Veteran banner program

Wiley has not been able to get a response from the company that makes the banners.

Correspondence:

None.

New Business:

None.

REPORT FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION:

The Auxiliary will have a pictures with Santa day on Dec. 1st. Dec 25th the Legion will host a party for Great Lakes Recruits and Manteno Vets.

REPORT FROM THE V.F.W.:

No report.

REPORT FROM THE MARINE CORPS LEAGUE:

We will put on a Marine Corps birthday party at Manteno for USMC vets there.

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

We attended the Rickover Academy new school commission on the 7th. Dec.6th we will be guests at Great Lakes for their graduation.

V.F.W. AUXILLARY:

We have nothing booked for the rest of the year.

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

KWVA –Our regular Dec. meeting will be replaced by a Christmas luncheon on Dec.5th at Gatos's. – No meeting in January.

MOPH – No Report

AVMRA

Will be hosting recruits from Great Lakes for Christmas.

Any other business

The Holiday Market will take place Dec. 6,7 & 8.

This week at Prairie State College – Portrait of a Soldier

It was motioned and passed that we invite past Gov. Pat Quinn to our next Veteran's breakfast to receive the Veteran Volunteer Award.

Dec. 14th at Abe Lincoln cemetery need help with wreaths across America.

A motion was made and passed to cancel our December 11th meeting.

Comments from the public:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 2025 hrs.

The next Commission meeting will be held January 8, 2020