Village of Tinley Park
Veterans Commission

PRESENTS

2019
VETERANS DAY
CEREMONY

GENERAL PATRICK E. REA
VETERANS PLAZA
80th Avenue Train Station

November 11, 2019
10:00 A.M.
Colonel David G. Seaman Volunteer Veterans Recognition Award to CSM Fred Cagle

CSM Cagle enlisted in the U.S. Army in April 1969 at 17. After Infantry and Airborne training, he served in Germany and Vietnam. In January 1991, he was deployed with his unit for 12 months as a scout in support of Operation Desert Storm. He attended the Drill Sergeant Academy and the Sergeant Major Academy, attaining the rank of Command Sergeant Major in April 1999, the highest enlisted grade. In February 2003, his unit was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, with eventual deployment to Southwest Asia. He was honorably separated from the Army in April 2005.

CSM Cagle joined V.F.W. 2791 Bremen Post in October 2008 and was asked to take over the Honor Guard and bring it up to military standards. To show respect and to honor our veterans, the Honor Guard tries to attend every veteran's funeral they know about. On Flag Day, you’ll see their members at the local cemeteries placing/replacing flags on the graves of our fallen veterans and holding small ceremonies at each location. The Honor Guard visits 13 local schools and three retirement homes for Veterans Day ceremonies. He was elected Sr. Vice Commander in June 2012, serving three years. In June 2015, he was elected Commander and served three years.

On Christmas Day, the Honor Guard welcomes 50 Navy personnel from Great Lakes Naval Training Center for food, fun and the ability to communicate with their families via the many phones and computers set up just for them.

When he was chairman for the 16th District, CSM Cagle was in charge of the Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen contests for schools in their district, which includes 13 villages. The students write essays on a preselected theme about our country. These are then judged at a local, state and national level. The ultimate award is a $30,000 scholarship and a trip to the White House to meet with the U.S. President.

Over the last three years, CSM Cagle has worked with the V.F.W., American Legion and Tinley Park Veterans Commission in obtaining a piece of military equipment for display in Veterans Park; it should come to fruition by Memorial Day 2020.

CSM Cagle holds the position of Jr. Vice Commander for the V.F.W. 16th District.