Tinley Park Veteran's Commission
August 12, 2026 Veteran's Commission Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:02 p.m. Housekeeping items for the good of the order were announced. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

P=Present / E=Excused / A=Absent

P - Dr. Doug Rasmussen, DC - Chairman
P - Roxane Tyssen-Secretary
E - Robert Bullard - US Sub Vets
P - Mark Ethridge
P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Treasurer
E - Steve Noodwang
P - Georges Sanon
P - Paul Windish
E - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander (ex-officio)
A - Mike Rowan, Commander Amer. Legion (ex-officio)
P - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison
A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison
P - Robert Colby
P - Bruce Haffner
P - Jimmy Hunter
P - Norm Pestlin
P – Nick Suleyman (Assoc. Commissioner)

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from the May 2026 meeting were read. Jimmy Hunter made a motion to approve as amended. seconded, all approved. Minutes passed.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- Trustee Sullivan announced that she has met with representatives from State level American Legion to bring their annual state convention to Tinley Park. We are hoping to bring that to our community.
- The awards presentation for the bench artists will be on August 22nd. The awards will be announced at approximately 7:30 p.m. and last for around 15 minutes.
- Trustee Sullivan has been working with Site Design on the KIA memorial. By the next meeting she should have something to present to the commission.

Chairman Rasmussen introduced Mayor Michael Glotz:

- The Mayor was given a warm welcome.
- The Mayor and Trustee Sullivan handed out the 250th 'challenge' coins that Trustee Sullivan designed.
- The Mayor updated the commission on the historical society and the acquisition of the property next to the historic church and house. The Mayor and Mr. Roby from the Park District met with the owner of the property. The joint purchase of this property would allow for the expansion of the historical society.
- Due to audit concerns, Mayor Glotz discussed the process for the Patriot Pen and Voice of Democracy essay winners and how it ties in to the Veteran Commission. Because this is essentially a VFW program, any monetary awards should be given through the VFW alone. The Commission can recognize the winners with a certificate but will no longer provide a monetary award.
    - Georges Sanon made the motion to no longer recognize the Voice of Democracy and Patriot Pen essay winners from Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and other Veterans Commission events. Jimmy Hunter seconded. All approved. Motion carried.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- Chairman Rasmussen asked for the commissioners to step up and think about their connections to try to obtain equipment. He asked that they do the research, find the correct contact persons, get the forms to fill out, etc.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Bruce brought in the framed poster of the Henry Hardenburg painting. The original is at the historical society. BG Patrick Rea had posters printed of the original and this is one of them. The commission has nowhere to hang it. Roxane mentioned that he should talk to Dave Galatti about putting it on one of the walls at the Public Safety Building/Senior Center.

Correspondence:

- There is no correspondence.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast (October 10, 2026):
    - Chris Hansley sent around a list of businesses that have donated door prizes for the All Service Breakfast in the past. The commissioners were instructed to commit to at least 3 businesses to approach to solicit for donations.
- KIA Memorial:
    - Colleen updated the commission on the site plan. Marketing has stated we are ahead of plans with getting the space sent.
- Honorary Street Signs:
    - Roxane Tyssen recapped from the last meeting on municipalities that have code on the processes for honorary street signs. She handed out copies of the City of Chicago code and asked that commissioners review the code and at the next meeting the commission can discuss in detail.
        - The commission can come up with a template to discuss at the September meeting.
    - Norm Pestlin stated that the commission should look at it to create code for the entire Village, with a possible sub-code that addresses veterans.
    - Once the commission has a template, it can be submitted to the Village for attorney review. Once that is completed, it can be put on the docket for the Trustees to review and approve.

Veterans Day:

- Chairman Rasmussen announced that Trustee Ken Shaw will be the guest speaker.
- Additional details such as band options were also talked about.

New Business:

- <u>November meeting</u> – the November meeting falls on Veterans Day. The commission will meet on November 4th instead. This will allow the commission to discuss any last minute details that need to be addressed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- Mark Ethridge said that the sign on the mortar carrier – the plaque – has been damaged, likely due to being vandalized. He showed Doug Rasmussen and Mayor Glotz the photos he

took. This will be addressed and the signage will be repaired as soon as possible.

REPORTS:

- No reports.

Announcements:

- Georges Sanon mentioned that the VA has a tuition reimbursement program as it relates to classes/careers in IT. He handed out information.
- Additional programs available to veterans were also discussed.

Public Comments:

- Nothing to report.

Adjournment:

- Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley made the motion, Mark Ethridge seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.