

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the May 14, 2025

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

A - Robert Bullard -US Sub Vets

P - Mark Ethridge

P - Chris Hansley-VFW Aux. Pres.

A - Danny Kent, Marine Corps League

P - Georges Sanon

P - Fred Cagle – VFW Commander (ex-officio)

E - Colleen Sullivan, Trustee Liaison

A - Pat Carr, Staff Liaison

P - Robert Colby

E - Bruce Haffner

E - Jimmy Hunter

P - Norm Pestlin

P - Paul Windish

E - Mike Rowan, Commander Amer. Legion (ex-officio)

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from April 9, 2025 meeting were distributed. Chris Hansley made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Paul Windish seconded, all approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- There were no announcements from Trustee Sullivan.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- The M84 will be repainted in Marine grey and should be completed by Memorial Day.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Nothing to report.

Correspondence:

- There is no correspondence.

Ongoing Business:

- Memorial Day:
 - Phase II of the application process has been completed by Roxane Tyssen.
 - Details of the event were discussed: chaplain, programs, essay winners, etc.
 - Food is ordered and the menu was discussed.
 - Col. Scott Venable will be the guest speaker and will speak of BG Patrick E. Rea's military contributions.
 - Approximately 130 people are expected in attendance.

New Business:

- Banners:
 - On June 14th the VFW will host all of the Manteno veterans for a small luncheon (cold cut deli-style sandwiches) as well as Tinley Park officials to welcome the veterans. After the luncheon, the bus from the veteran's home will receive a police escort to Veteran's Parkway so the vets will be able to see their banners on display. They will also receive small versions of their banners to take home with them.
 - The luncheon also coincides with the 250th birthday of the U.S. Army.
- Banners:
 - Potential banners for distinguished service veterans from Tinley Park (Civil War to present):
 - Congressional Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, etc.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - Two truckloads of furniture were delivered to the veteran's housing complex.
 - The blood drive was very successful.
 - The Queen of Hearts is around \$10,000.
 - The check request has been submitted to finance for t-shirt sponsorship.
- VFW Auxiliary:
 - The golf outing is scheduled for August 2nd. Following golf, attendees are invited back to the Post for a you-cook steak-fry.
 - Sponsorships are available for the golf outing.
- Report from the American Legion:
 - The Manteno Vets continue to come in once a month for their monthly luncheon the Post provides. They also do bingo games following the meal.
 - Queen of Hearts is around \$8,000; the machine they installed is working well so far.

Announcements:

- Georges Sanon second annual veteran's business symposium at Michigan Parks Community Center is coming up.
- May 15, flags should be flown at half-staff for Police personnel who have lost their lives.

Comments from the public:

- There was no public in attendance.

Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to adjourn, Chris Hansley made the motion, Mark Ethridge seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center Conference Room.

*The military Banner Program can be found here:

https://www.tinleypark.org/news_detail_T5_R241.php