

Tinley Park Veteran's Commission

Minutes of the September 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 7:08 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.

P - Norm Pestlin

P - Paul Windish

P - 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 - Georges Sanon

Minutes of the last meeting:

- Minutes from September 10, 2025 meeting were distributed. Norm Pestlin made a motion to approve as amended. Jimmy Hunter seconded, all approved.

Remarks by Trustee Liaison:

- Trustee Sullivan was not in attendance but provided a short update to be read on her behalf.
 - Pete's Market has opened.
 - Jack in the Box is also now open.
 - Holiday Happenings dates were announced. There will be changes in the tree lighting ceremony date, it will be moved up to before Thanksgiving.
 - The Beckstein property has been purchased by the Village and will eventually become a parking lot. The north side of the Metra parking lot will become handicapped parking during all events.

Static Display for Veterans Parkway:

- No report for this meeting.

Education in Art in Public Places:

- Bruce Haffner brought up that the commission had discussed a plaque to be located in the Harmony Square Plaza area. The proposal is to have a memorial that mentions the soldiers who have been Killed in Action (KIA) from Tinley Park.
 - Greg Miller discussed this matter with the commission.
 - The Commission needs a plan on what will be done (what the memorial will be; ex: plaque, statue, etc.) and how it will be done. There are 16 veterans from Tinley Park who have been listed as KIA since the Civil War.
 - Suggestions of something in granite versus bronze, that will have extra space to allow for additional names going forward.

- Georges Sanon made a motion made to generate a plan for a memorial piece that represents those Tinley Park veterans who have been KIA, this includes materials, budget, location, etc. Jimmy Hunter seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion passed.

Correspondence:

- There is no correspondence.

Ongoing Business:

- All Service Breakfast-
 - Changes to the flyer were requested, Roxane Tyssen will make these and provide copies to be displayed at each post and at Village Hall. Print outs will be in both 8.5x11" and 8.5x14".
 - Chris Hansley requested that the commissioners continue to request donations and bring anything to the October meeting.
 - Norm Pestlin will handle the food order.
 - Additional details were discussed.
- Veteran's Day –
 - Focus will be on women in the military.
 - Chris Hansley will work on getting the band from either Central Middle School or Andrew High School. If neither are available, she will reach out to the Tinley Park Community Band.
 - Honor Guard will be coming from the VFW Post. Nick Suleyman, who is in charge of the VFW Honor Guard, will make sure the event is covered.
 - The Chairman asked for the commissioners to provide ideas for who should receive the Col. Seaman clock award and the organization award.
 - Program details were discussed.
- America's 250th Independence Anniversary –
 - The commission should plan on being involved in events for the 250th
 - Village parade participants
 - Independence/July 4th events

New Business:

- No new business.

REPORTS:

- Report from the VFW:
 - September 20th, the Honor Guard will be at the Bulldogs field at 17:00 / 5:00 p.m. Commissioners are invited to attend.
 - Veteran's Day falls on Tuesday, their monthly meeting will follow the luncheon.
- VFW Axillary:
 - November 8th, craft fair
 - November 15th, fall blood drive (appointments are required)

Announcements:

- Georges Sanon announced the following:
- Resource events: VFW Post 311 will host an event this coming Saturday.
- Steve Noodwang will be submitting a request to become a commissioner. Nick Suleyman is the commander of AVMRA and will be submitting a request to join the commission.

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Comments from the public:

Chairman Rasmussen asked for a motion to adjourn, Jimmy Hunter made the motion, Chris Hansley seconded, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the Kallsen Center.