

VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular meeting on Monday, March 9, 2015 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:03PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Note: Due to inclement weather, February's regularly scheduled VCPC meeting was cancelled.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
John Jansen
Gregory Smith
Pattie Deer
Christopher Roberts

EXCUSED

Russell Edwards

GUESTS PRESENT

Richard Shea

II. Consideration of Minutes: January 12, 2015 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by P. Deer that the minutes be accepted as written; seconded by C. Smith. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report: None.

V. Unfinished Business:

- a) Tax Exemption for Veterans: Exemption applies to those who served in combat or a combat support role and does not need to be "boots on the ground". A list of conflicts is posted in the Tax Assessor's office.
- b) Building Maintenance: The kitchen mold issue has been resolved; a new ceiling panel has been installed.
- c) Building Usage: Request received from St. Gabriel's School to use the Fowler Memorial Building from April 30-May 3, 2015 for the Milford Harbor Duck Race event. Request approved.

VI. New Business:

- a) Memorial Day
 - a. A discussion on the best way to honor Corporal Jordan Pierson at/around the Memorial Flagpole ensued. Motion was made by C. Roberts to have VCPC's April meeting convene at the Memorial Flagpole at 6:30PM. Seconded by G. Smith; all in favor.
 - b. Memorial Day weekend activities include planting flags at the three cemeteries in Milford on Saturday, May 23rd; wreath laying ceremony and Parade are scheduled for Sunday, May 24th. G. Smith will create a Facebook page. C. Smith will send out letters to organizations, dignitaries, etc.
 - c. T. Flowers received a request from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, asking to march in the Memorial Day Parade. Organization is welcome.
 - d. Chairman Flowers received an inquiry from Christine Angeli, Director of the Milford Public Library, regarding a new "Community Reads Program: One Story, One City". Part of the program is an essay writing contest. As a closure to the program, she was hoping to have contestants participate in the

Memorial Day Parade, by marching and reading winning essays afterwards. Chairman Flowers responded that VCPC believes the program is laudable and would be open to the idea, if the writings were in keeping with the theme of Memorial Day – veterans, both living and deceased.

- b) Budget Meeting – T. Flowers attended a City budget meeting; Mayor Blake has recommended no change to the VCPC budget.

VII. Good of the Order:

- a) VFW Post 7788 and American Legion Post 196 are having St. Patrick's Day Dinners on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 7PM.
- b) VFW Post 7788 is holding their annual "Day for a Vet" on April 26, 2015. Donations of items (i.e. snack food, toiletries, socks, etc.) to fill backpacks welcome. Anticipate 175 veterans participating.

VIII. Possible Agenda Topics: None.

IX. Announcements: None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Deer. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.

Next meeting will be held on April 13, 2015 at 6:30PM at the Memorial Flagpole on the Milford Green.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner
Recording Secretary