

VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 2016

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Vice Chairman C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
Pattie Deer
Russell Edwards
John Jansen
Niles Mackenzie
Gregory Smith

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Thomas Flowers, Chairman

GUESTS PRESENT

Wayne Carson

I. **Consideration of Minutes** –N. Mackenzie made a motion to accept the May 2016 Minutes as corrected. P. Deer seconded; all in favor.

II. **Public Comment/Questions** – None.

III. **Chairman's Report**

1. Awaiting information from VSOs regarding proceeds from Milford Bank's 5K race. Well over \$6K was raised at the race.
2. Flags picked up for retirement.
3. Ceremony for July 4th is scheduled; press releases to be sent out.

IV. **Unfinished Business**

1. Building Maintenance / Repairs
 - a. Rear doorway is rotting.
 - b. Downspout is missing; in the winter it could become a sheet of ice and dangerous.
 - c. P. Deer advised there is a significant ant problem; she provided a photo to C. Smith.
 - d. C. Smith to notify T. Flowers of the situation and request he invite the Director of Public works to visit the building.
2. Memorial Day Parade/Ceremonies
 - a. Feedback on the parade was mixed. One of the organizations marching was not pleased with their lineup position. Several people voiced negative feedback on the way taps was played (echoing of taps).
 - b. Turnout appeared larger than in years past; a lot of press was given to it by the Milford Mirror.
3. Milford Bank's "Milford Moves 5K Race"
 - a. Good day; good amount of people attended.
 - b. Plenty of VSO volunteers helped out.
 - c. Over \$6K was raised. Proceeds going to the local VSOs. VSOs to provide itemized lists to VCPC for a determination of the division of proceeds to be made. Deadline for listings of VSO expenditures deferred to on/before the July 2016 meeting.

4. Milford's Military Hall of Honor - The August 2016 meeting will be held in the Military Hall of Honor atrium to look at the plaques and make some decisions on some of our open items; invite the Mayor and our two Aldermanic Liaisons for their input.
5. Eagle Scout Project - Ceremony held on May 29th; very good attendance.

V. **New Business**

1. Flag Day – Sen. Gayle Slossberg would like to present the VFW with a flag for Flag Day. Brief ceremony to be held at 6:30PM on Tuesday, June 14th at the Fowler Memorial Building. Everyone is invited.
2. July 4th – C. Smith to send out press releases. Meet up at City Hall at 8:45AM.
3. DAV Flag – Would like to put up their flag subordinate to the State of Connecticut on the second flagpole. Would be the same size or smaller than the Connecticut flag. N. Mackenzie made a motion to have DAV fly their flag on the same pole as the State of Connecticut flag (as detailed above). P. Deer seconded; all in favor.
4. Bust in Fowler Building – P. Deer formally donated the bust in the Fowler Building, currently in a showcase on the second floor, to the Building/City of Milford.

VI. **Good of the Order**

1. N. MacKenzie reported that the DAV had a very successful “forget me not” drive, raising \$2K.
2. R. Edwards noted that a POW Vigil will be held next Sunday (Father's Day) on the Naugatuck Green from 9AM-4PM.

VII. **Possible Agenda Topics**

None.

VIII. **Announcements**

None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn. P. Deer seconded; all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Next meeting will be July 11, 2016 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner
Recording Secretary