

VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2017

The Veterans, Ceremony, and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman Tom Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:01PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Flowers, Chairman

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman

Greg Smith

Pattie Deer

ABSENT/EXCUSED

Russell Edwards

John (Jack) Jansen

Niles Mackenzie

GUESTS PRESENT

Ed Monroe

Wayne Carson

Consideration of Minutes – Minutes for September read, motion by Tom Flowers, seconded by Christine Smith to accept. Passed unanimously.

Comment/Questions – None

Chairman's Report – Provided by Tom Flowers. A discussion with Ed Monroe, Milford DAV, indicated that the DAV has the 3 following Officers out due to illness. Niles Mackenzie is in a rehabilitation facility and Don Sweeney had a stroke and cannot drive due to loss of sight. Also, Betsy Walsh, DAV Treasurer, who is battling cancer, lost her son suddenly. The Fairfield DAV has closed resulting in 14 new members for the Milford DAV.

Unfinished Business –

Fowler Building

- Chair Railing – still needs installation. Tom Flowers will contact Public Works
- Down Spout – Corrected
- Missing DAV Flag – Purchased from unauthorized vendor – Christine Smith has receipt and will get it to Tom Flowers for possible reimbursement.
- Stamp Purchase Reimbursement – According to Milford Finance Director, we can use Administrative Supply account for postage. Tom Flowers will handle reimbursement.
- Flag Pole is still an open issue.
- Door knob #9 has been fixed.

New Business –

Veterans Day Parade and Wreath Laying

- Tom Flowers will be speaking to Milford Garden Club about their inclusion in the Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremonies on 11/11 at 11AM.
- Anyone interested in participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony should show up in front of City Hall 10-20 minutes early to participate.
- Pattie Deer has a family conflict with the Wreath Laying Ceremonies on November 11. She and her family will not be able to attend. Milford Volunteer Ancient Fife and Drum will be represented.
- Tom Flowers also stated that he is unavailable on November 5. He will be the MC for the American Legion Department Testimonial Luncheon at 1:00 on November 5.
- Christine Smith will be Master of Ceremonies for the Veterans Day Parade on November 5.
- Tom Flowers will handle the permits and all details for the Parade. The Veterans Day Parade Facebook page needs to be updated with Tom Flowers' phone number because Russell Edwards is unable to facilitate due to illness. Christine will handle this.
- Christine Smith will be sending out Announcements and Press Releases to Newspapers and Officials. Christine Smith will also request a portable digital sign announcing the Veterans Day Parade and a Reverse 911 Call promoting the parade from the Mayor's office.
- Hill House High School JROTC will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade.
- The Grand Marshall for the Veterans Day Parade is still pending. Greg Smith will handle this.
- A possible presentation in front of Milford Bank on November 11 in conjunction with Wreath Laying will be discussed. This is for presentation by Milford Bank – Milford Moves for Veterans, Veteran Organizations Check presentation. Tom Flowers will discuss with Janet Harrison, POC for Milford Bank.

Announcements/Good of the Order –

- Milford Fife and Drum Corps will be performing at an Open House Fundraiser on October 26 at 6:30PM at West Haven Military Museum and Learning Center.

- There will be a State Testimonial Dinner honoring VFW, Department of Connecticut Auxiliary President Christine Smith, 2017-2018, on Sunday, October 15, 2017 Beirut bombing. Memorial Ceremony will be at the All Wars Monument on Route 202 in Bantam, CT on Saturday October 14, 2017 at 1:00PM. Lt. Col. Sean Connolly, U.S. Army, will be the Guest Speaker and a reception will follow at American Legion Post 27 across the street from the Memorial.
- VETS ROCK will be held at Mohegan Sun Casino, Friday, November 3, 2017.

Possible Future Agenda Topics – None

Adjournment

Being no further business to discuss, Christine Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Greg Smith. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52PM.

The next meeting will be November 6, 2017 at 7PM

Respectfully submitted,

Marika L. Mosley

Recording Secretary