**Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission Regular Meeting**

**February 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Thursday January February 9, 2023 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Tom Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:05pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Tom Jackson

Frank Rodriquez

Jack Jansen

**Guests:**

Bill Kates

Cathy Gorman – Recording Secy

**Agenda**

Agenda provided by Tom

A quorum was not present for tonight’s meeting

Moment of silence for Niles

**Consideration of Minutes:** Tom reviewed January minutes

No quorum to accept minutes, hopefully January meetings will be approved in March minutes.

**New Business:**

* Asked Justin for more citizens in the group
* Asking for volunteers
* Flags: ordered 40 gross
* Sikorsky fly-over, as an exercise. Should we check that out.
* Send Memorial Day invitations out early April
* Further discussion on Korean monument, needs tree removal, possibly contact Jim Broach or Steve Johnson.
* Bill will replace flags on monuments on the green
* Check website, send screen shot of members
* Call Karen about DAR vs DAV
* Review mission statement: DAR, Milford Volunteers, drum corps, VVA Legion, Viet Nam vets
* Check out Catholic War Vets
* Memorial Day Wreath Laying: 5/28 -10an – need (5) wreaths – were happy with wreaths from Dillon, will use them again
* Ask Board of alderman to assign someone to attend meetings
* 2 members citizens are large, Jack and Travis
* Screen shot of website

**Fathers Day 5k race** sponsored by Milford Bank. VSO’s benefit from that so we need to check with Milford Bank on status. Peter Berube to get back to Tom

**July 4**: VCPC to take control and invite the DAR. Start at Dough Boy and march to cemetery. Announce this event after Memorial Day parade

**Veterans Day** falls on a Saturday, the November 11, 2023, parade will be on 11/12. Wreath laying must be 11/11 at 11AM.

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* Tom will get permits
* High School Sports teams
* High School Bands
* Milford Concert Band
* Superintendent of schools should be invited
* Junior Majors and other Little Leagues



**For the Good of the Order:**

Any comments or questions? No comments or questions.

**Meeting** adjourned at 7:58pm

*Respectfully submitted by Cathy (Gorman) Rose, Recording Secretary*