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

**May 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular Meeting on Thursday May 11, 2023 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Tom Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Tom Jackson

Frank Rodriquez

Travis Deer

Emily – remotely

**Guests:**

Bill Kates

Cathy Gorman Rose – Recording Secy

**Agenda**

Agenda provided by Tom

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

No quorum in attendance

**Invitations:**

* Three rounds of invitations sent out

**Discussion**

* Need more people from VSO’s.
* Someone from citizens at large
* Need to have 7 people, we only have 4
* Bill Battaglia, Navy Veteran Post 196 will join our next meeting
* Mr Hessberger VFW 7788 Commander, sent invitation to join the commission
* Unit 196 Legion Aux Marching and handing out flags
* Also handing out Poppy’s on the green
* Parade permits have been secured

**Flag Laying Ceremony on Saturday May 27:**

Flay laying at all 3 cemeteries

* Kings Highway
* St. Mary’s
* Milford Cemetery

**Parade**

* Junior Women’s Club
* Milford Christian Academy, big truck and 60 marchers
* Knights of Columbus, 2 vehicles 6 marcher
* United Way, on the fence
* Curran Bishop Cub Scout Pack 7, 6th CT regiment, March with black powder
* Marine Corp League, Marchers, 1 car
* Post 34 1 vehicle
* VFW 7788
* Post 196 Riders
* Unit 196 Legion Auxiliary
* DAV
* Foran High Marching Band
* CT Jeep Cruisers – we can have up to 20 jeeps
* Fife & Drum Corp
* Girl Scouts: 20 – 30 girls marching
* Junior Major Baseball, vehicle and marchers
* Revolutionary War Reenactments

**Distinguished Guests:**

* Grand Marshall – Col Bob Goetz, Marine Corps, *need sign for car*
* Rich Ianucci, Combat Master Chief, 26 years service, Silver Star Recipient
  + - *Will speak before Bob*
* Possible Korean War Vet, Marine

**Order:**

#1:Police Honor guard

Dignitaries

#2: Military

* Black Powder middle and back

#3 Civic groups

#4

Car carrier brings Junior Major league

**Wreath laying:**

* Post 196 Chaplain Lou Eden will handle benediction at Dough Boy
* Rev Loomer will make presentation at the gazebo
* Flotilla
* Elks
* Legion Post 196
* Unit 196 Aux
* VFW 7788
* DVA
* Fife & Drum
* All veterans that were lost this past year will be announced at the Dough Boy memorial

**New Business**

* July 4th – talk about ceremony
* March 29 - Vietnam Veterans Day – talk about ceremony
* Flag Days: buy a flag – they do it in Fairfield, Cathy to research and discuss in June meeting

**Next meeting in 2 weeks, May 25th, 7pm we will figure out remaining duties**

**Frank makes motion to end meeting, Tom seconds, no discussion meeting adjourned**

**For the Good of the Order:**

Need more members, needs more members to attend.

**Meeting** adjourned at 8:10pm

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