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

**September 14, 2023 7pm Fowler Building**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular Meeting on Thursday September 14, 2023 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Bill Kates called the meeting to order at 7:18pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Donald Moore – CVMA – [dmdd1320@optonline.net](mailto:dmdd1320@optonline.net) – 203 507 1501

Chris Attardo, DAV [chris.attardo@att,net](mailto:chris.attardo@att,net) - 203 893 1842

**Guests:**

Bill Kates -

Cathy Gorman Rose – Recording Secy –

No quorum if

**Agenda**

No agenda

**Consideration of Minutes:** No August minutes

**Veterans Day:** November 12, 2023

* Wreath laying at Dough Boy Monument: 11/11/11 - 11/11 at 11am – 10:45am arrival
* Put flags at monuments on Green
* Parade: 11/12, step off at 2pm, gather at Fowler at 1pm
* Grand Marshall suggestions: Tom knows Marine Adele Hodges,

Emily suggested Army Colonel Tim Connor

* Weiner mobile
* Start sending invitations

**Fowler Building Parent:** We shouldn’t relinquish our control of building – it was meant to stay with VSO’s. it is the home to the DAV and Combat vets

**Website:** have updated

**DAR:** [regent@freelovebaldwinstowedar.org](mailto:regent@freelovebaldwinstowedar.org) – confirmed corrected email

**New Business:**

Bill Kates prefers not to run the minutes in the future, Need to have a back-up plan for another commissioner. Bill and Tom need to talk.

Bill also expresses concern about the commitment of the group. Commission needs to get functional again, more dedicated, committed group.

Bill would like Tom to consider having an emergency meeting.

Bill was disappointed in lack of communication from the city about 9/11 ceremony

Travis Deere needs to be sworn in

Email and text minutes

**For the good of the group**

Email and text minutes

Handicap parking spots for fowler (2) more, checking status

It’s important that the Commissioners get information back to their members

Made motion to adjourn, second the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned

Meetingadjourned at 8:10 pm

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