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

**January 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular Meeting on Thursday January 11, 2024 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue. Tom Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked those present to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:**

**Members Present:**

Tom Jackson

Don Moore

Chris Attardo

Kendra Davis

**Guests:**

Bill Kates

Cathy Gorman Rose – Recording Secy

**Welcome new Commissioners:**

Kendra Davis and Jack Jansen

Frank Rodriquez term extended to 2026

Thank you all!

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

Chris made motion to accept minutes, Don seconded, minutes accepted

**Agenda**

Agenda provided by Tom

**Introduction of VSO’s Members and Bios:**

**Thomas Jackson:**

Marine Corp Vietnam Combat Vet 66 -69

Sr. Vice Post 196

Commandant Marine Corp Detachment 1129

Chair of VCPC

**William Kates**

Veteran of Vietnam War, Army Corp of Engineers

Milford Assoc of Patriotic Organizations

Former Chair of VCPC

**Kendra Davis**

Regent DAR

CT State Officer

National Vice Chair of Development

**Donald Moore**

“Crusty”

Navy 68 Tonkin Gulf

Mobile Riverines

Task Force 117

Combat Vets Motorcycle Assoc

**Chris Attardo**

US Navy, early 90’s

Disable American Vet, Junior Vice of DAV

**Veterans Day Parade Post Mortem:**

* Use microphone at wreath laying ceremony
* No rifle salute – try to get one next year
* Two Grand Marshalls were great
* Bill needs to be at the gazebo for the entire event

**Memorial Day, Saturday May 25, 8:00am**

* Flags at Cemetery

5 Wreaths, each VSO – 9:30am

* Doughboy
* WWII
* Korea & Viet Nam
* Flag Pole
* Civil War

Sunday May 26, 2024: Parade 2:00 step off from Parsons

**Flags:**

*Remember the flag for the VCPC*

**Veterans Day Parade:** need to get date, the 11th is a Monday

**Vietnam Veterans Day: March 29, 2024**

What kind of ceremony, where at Korea VN memorial on the Green

* Signage
* Patch
* PR

**Condition of monuments**

* Power washed by local patriot pro bono
* Wax?

**Fowler Building**

* Rooms are full of junk, Should we clean it?
* Do we actually need a room/office?
* Don will look at DVA office
* Perhaps meet an hour early one month and investigate

**Old Business**

Veterans issues and opportunities

* Look at more veterans issues
* Local for folks in need
* Homeless veterans
* Resources for Homeless Veterans
* Vince Santilli (sp?)

**Facebook** – check it out and share with Commissioners

**New Business**

Grace from DAV has coats to distribute -Mike Kupson will deliver

**Bill Kates: Would like to talk about moving the Revolutionary War monument to a park near the City Hall**

**New Email” Don:** **dfmoore1948@gmail.com**

**Chris makes motion to end meeting, Don seconds, no discussion, meeting adjourned**

**For the Good of the Order: Nothing**

**Meeting** adjourned at 8:15pm

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