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

**March 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

**Opening:** The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular Meeting on Thursday March 14, 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

Frank Rodriques

Jack Jansen

**Guests:**

Bill Kates

Cathy Gorman Rose – Recording Secy

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

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

**Agenda**

Agenda provided by Tom Jackson

**Vietnam Veterans Day: March 29, 2024 at 10am**

Korea VN memorial on the Green

* Signage
* Wreath

**Flags at Cemetery 5/25** – coordinated by each group

* Flags at Cemetery- St Mary’s, Kings Hwy, Milford Cemetery, pick up flags at Legion Post 196
* 31 gross have to be ordered and need to be picked up at Post 196
* Placement of flags:; left corner, 6” down is where it belongs

**Wreaths Sunday May 26**

5 Wreaths, each VSO – 9:30am

* Doughboy
* WWII
* Korea
* Viet Nam
* Flag Pole
* Civil War
* Tom will make a map for the wreath’s location
* Post 196 will provide sound system
* Read names of diseased members from the past year from the VSO’s and Auxiliary

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

Gather at Wasson at 1pm

**Grand Marshall:**

* Richie Ianucci, SeaBee, Navy, Grand Marshall
* Reach out to Stevens Ford for a car for the Grand Marshall

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**Invite Jeeps:** yes, but limited to 12 jeeps

**Disabled American Vets:** 2-3 vehicles

**Four groups:** dignitaries, vets, police, school bands, civic groups, mission barbeque, baseball leagues

**Permits:** Tom to get permit for Saturday and Sunday for police escorts

**Old Business**

Still need to talk about cleaning up Fowler building

Will need to get volunteers from the VSO’s and the Ancient Fife and Drum Corps.

**New Business**

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

* Check with baseball teams, no games
* Same route
* Get Bill up to the Green safely
* Line up cars: Chris, Jack, Tom
* Fast Signs: ‘VSO’s’ here – Lisa
* Riders: Post 196, CVMA
* Marine Corps League has a musket, Tom will reach out

**Grand Marshall for Veterans Day parade**. Tom Johnson

**Brick Walk:** Chris went to Milford Monument to talk about memorial Brick walk in front of the fowler bldg. He received form for personalized brick order form.

Names are sandblasted, 3-4 lines. Might need permit since it is city property. She also mentioned a mason.

Milford Monument creates, a mason would need to install. For Veterans only. Jim Scott is a mason and Tom will reach out.

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

Don makes motion to adjourn meeting, Jack seconds, no discussion, meeting adjourned

**Meeting** adjourned at 8:10pm

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