

## **VETERANS, CEREMONY, AND PARADE COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 12, 2018**

The Veterans, Ceremony, and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, March 12, 2018 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman Tom Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Flowers, Chairman

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman

Patti Deer

Niles Mackenzie

Alderman Liaison, Jay Tranquilli, District 1

#### **ABSENT/EXCUSED**

Greg Smith

John (Jack)Jansen

Russell Edwards

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

None

**Consideration of Minutes** – Minutes for December were read, motion by Pattie Deer to accept the minutes, seconded by Niles Mackenzie. Passed unanimously.

**Public Comments/Questions** – n/a

**Chairman's Report** – Tom Flowers participated in the Dance for Heroes. Tom Flowers would like for the VCPC to rethink the current rituals and have them be more appropriate for the occasion. We will look at the Independence Day events first, and motion by Christine Smith for Tom Flowers to invite the DAR/SAR to the next meeting to discuss, seconded by Pattie Deer. Passed unanimously.

#### **Unfinished Business**

- **Memorial Day Parade**
  - **Events** – Saturday, 5/26 at 8:30 AM Flags on Graves, Sunday, 5/27 at 10:00AM Wreaths at City Hall and Green Monuments, 5/27 at 2:00PM Parade
  - **Advertising and Public Participation** – Christine Smith to contact local papers to get more prominent ad, contact High Schools from surrounding areas, Tom Flowers to

contact JROTC Hill House, Niles Mackenzie to try to get the list of participants from the Milford Irish Parade from the Irish Heritage Assoc., Greg Smith and Tom Flowers to speak to the Downtown Business Association

- **Grand Marshall/Guest Speaker** – Christine Smith, Navy Veteran, Vice Chairman of the Milford VCPC and current Department of CT President of the VFW Auxiliary.

#### **Fowler Building**

- Hand Railing – still needs installation. Tom Flowers will contact Public Works
- Drum & Bugle Office #4 (3<sup>rd</sup> floor) – Ceiling crumbling
- Rear Door – No light fixture, need it for visibility

#### **New Business**

- **Veterans Day Parade**
  - Tom Flowers to contact Julie Nash to see if we can restructure the event and plan a better venue for the public to participate

#### **Announcements/Good of the Order –**

Milford VFW Post 7788 will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Tickets may be purchased for \$20 per person.

Milford VFW Post 7788 will host a Children's Easter Egg Hunt, Sunday, March 25 from 12 noon- 2pm. This event is for children ages Infant to 12 years old. Please sign up for this event at VFW 7788 Post.

Milford VFW Post 7788 will have the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Day for Hospitalized Veterans, Sunday April 15. Post 7788 is looking for donations of puzzle books and DVDs to distribute to the Veterans.

Fisher House Dedication Ceremony at the West Haven VA Campus, Friday, May 4.

Dept. of CT VFW Auxiliary sponsoring a free Movie Night, Saturday, May 12. Post 9929 in West Hartford. Movie is "Taking Chance" starring Kevin Bacon and will be in honor of Memorial Day.

#### **Adjournment**

Being no further business to discuss, Pattie Deer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Niles Mackenzie. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

The next meeting will be April 9 at 7PM at the Fowler Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Smith  
Recording Secretary Pro tem

