

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**May 11, 2015**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular meeting on Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Vice Chairman C. Smith called the meeting to order at 7:04PM and those present stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Christine Smith, Vice Chairman  
Russell Edwards  
Gregory Smith  
Pattie Deer

EXCUSED

Thomas Flowers, Chairman  
John Jansen  
Christopher Roberts

GUESTS PRESENT

Richard Shea  
Wayne Carson

II. Consideration of Minutes: April 13, 2015 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by R. Edwards that the minutes be accepted as written; seconded by P. Deer. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report:

- a) Milford Monument will begin sandblasting the base of the Memorial Flagpole on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, inscribing "Global War on Terrorism" with Jordan Pierson's name alongside.
- b) Jordan's family was contacted by T. Flowers about participating in Memorial Day events, however, they may be visiting Arlington National Cemetery. If plans change, they will let him know and VCPC will incorporate a ceremony for Jordan into the wreath laying ceremony.
- c) Flags and wreaths are on order for distribution to three cemeteries. Flags to be picked up at Fowler Building at 7:45AM on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- d) R. Edwards has agreed to act as Chaplain for the wreath laying ceremony on May 24<sup>th</sup>.
- e) T. Flowers to line up a Milford clergy person to do invocation and benediction under the band shell for ceremony after the parade.
- f) New flags for Fowler Building needed, as it appears that a clip is broken or missing for the POW/MIA flag. T. Flowers will advise Public works.
- g) R. Edwards to organize the formation of the parade. W. Carson and others to assist.
- h) T. Flowers confirmed the following groups will be in the parade: Milford's Promise, Milford Christian Academy with marching band and Milford Library. Milford Boys and Girls Club are tentative.
- i) T. Flowers to obtain permits and ensure Police and Fire Departments are on board.

- V. Unfinished Business:
- a) Memorial Day
    - a. Activities are underway.
    - b. American and POW Flags on the Green are ripped, torn and need to be replaced as soon as possible.
    - c. Veterans Grave Preservation Commission – R. Shea was authorized by Tom Cody to purchase 36 13-star flags to put on Revolutionary War graves, which will be done on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- VI. Good of the Order:
- a) VFW Post 7788 held their annual “Day for a Vet” on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 125 veterans from three hospitals participated. Donations surpassed expectations.
  - b) Fife & Drum looking for members. They meet on Tuesdays at 6PM at the Fowler Building.
  - c) It is difficult to locate Revolutionary War veterans at cemeteries as there are no markers for them. Current veterans are eligible for cemetery footstones; are Revolutionary War veterans entitled also?
  - d) DVA having a POW vigil on June 20<sup>th</sup> on the Naugatuck Green.
- VII. Possible Agenda Topics:
- a) Staffing lobby at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.
  - b) 4<sup>th</sup> of July preparations.
- VIII. Announcements: None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by P. Deer. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.

Next meeting will be held on June 8, 2015 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Patricia Durner*

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Recording Secretary