

VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
August 10, 2015 (revised)

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7PM and those present stood for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in honor of the late Alan Jepson.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas Flowers, Chairman
Christine Smith, Vice Chairman
Gregory Smith
Pattie Deer
John Jansen
Russell Edwards

EXCUSED

Christopher Roberts

GUESTS PRESENT

William Kates
Wayne Carson
David Amendola

Motion to suspend regular business, to allow David Amendola from Home Depot to give a presentation on projects Home Depot is doing for local veterans, made by C. Smith; seconded by J. Jansen. All in favor; motion carried.

David Amendola discussed various projects Home Depot can provide to veterans. They will not pull permits, however, are available for painting, planting, fencing, home repairs, etc. Home Depot will provide supplies and the manpower. Volunteer labor provided by Home Depot employees. David asked that any veteran interested in taking advantage of this opportunity contact him directly.

Motion to return to regular business made by R. Edwards; seconded by C. Smith. All in favor; motion carried.

II. Consideration of Minutes: July 13, 2015 Minutes were reviewed. Motion made by C. Smith that the Minutes be accepted as distributed; seconded by P. Deer. All in favor; motion carried.

III. Public Comment/Questions: None.

IV. Chairman's Report:

- a) Chairman Flowers thanked everyone for their assistance in the July 4th activities.
- b) Joe Viscount, with Chairman Flowers' authorization, invited the Women's Huskies to participate in the Veterans Day Parade, however, they declined.

V. Unfinished Business: None

VI. New Business

- a) Oyster Festival – The Milford Police Department will be using the Fowler Memorial Building as their command post from August 12-16.
- b) Veterans Day
 - i. The parade will be held on Sunday, November 8th. Form up at 1:15PM; step off at 2PM.
 - ii. The Commission unanimously decided to invite Medal of Honor Recipient Paul Bucha to be Grand Marshal/Guest Speaker.
 - iii. A dedication ceremony to honor Jordan Pierson is scheduled for 12:30PM on Sunday, November 8th at the Memorial Flagpole. His name was recently etched into the granite base. His parents, Beverley and Eric, will be in attendance. Other invited guests will include his Commanding Officer and unit, Mayor Blake, neighbors, colleagues, family and other Gold Star families. G. Smith to contact Jordan's colleagues and T. Flowers to contact the rest. VCPC will place their wreath at the Memorial Flagpole also.
 - iv. Facebook page to be updated by G. Smith; he asked that those on Facebook "share" the page to attract a larger audience.

VII. Good of the Order:

- a) On August 21st; C. Smith will become Junior Vice President of The Auxiliary for the State of Connecticut.
- b) VFW Post 7788 Annual Golf Outing will be on Monday, August 31st at Fairchild Wheeler Golf Course in Fairfield.

VIII. Possible Agenda Topics:

- a) Staffing lobby at Veterans Memorial Auditorium.

IX. Announcements: None.

Being no further business to discuss, C. Smith made a motion to adjourn, seconded by R. Edwards. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:54PM.

Next meeting will be held on September 14, 2015 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner

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Recording Secretary