

**VETERANS, CEREMONY AND PARADE COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 13, 2014**

The Veterans, Ceremony and Parade Commission held their Regular Meeting on Monday, October 13, 2014 in the Fowler Memorial Building, 45 New Haven Avenue, Milford. Chairman T. Flowers called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and asked those present to stand for the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Roll Call

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Christopher Roberts  
Gregory Smith

GUESTS PRESENT

Eric Muth  
Richard Shea  
Wayne Carson

- II. Public Comments / Questions - Eric Muth Discussion on Hall of Honor in the Veterans Memorial Auditorium: All of the research collected by Eric Muth regarding City of Milford war veterans was provided to Chairman Flowers. Motion by C. Smith to accept the materials received by Mr. Muth, which will be forwarded to the Historical Society after a copy is made; seconded by T. Flowers. All in favor; motion carried.
- III. Consideration of Minutes - Motion by C. Smith to accept the minutes from September 8, 2014, as amended; seconded by R. Edwards. All in favor; motion carried.
- IV. Unfinished Business
- a) Facebook – The VCPC Facebook Event Page has been created and is operational.
  - b) Veterans Day Parade / Activities
    - i. Press release created by C. Smith; in the process of being emailed / mailed to over 200 organizations, dignitaries, press, etc. The Milford Concert Band requested that VCPC include their concert in our press release to the press, which will be done. Other weekend activities to be mentioned also.
    - ii. Elizabeth Walsh, Commander at DAV Chapter #15, has agreed to be guest speaker at the parade on Sunday, November 9, 2014.
    - iii. The 375<sup>th</sup> Committee issued a schedule of activities for their “Salute to Veterans” on Saturday, November 8, 2014. An article appeared in this week’s Milford-Orange Bulletin newspaper.
    - iv. Collecting food specifically for veterans during the “Salute to Veterans” was discussed. It was suggested that the food collection be called to “Veterans Collecting Food for the Needy”. Motion by T. Flowers to present the suggestion to the 375<sup>th</sup> Committee; seconded by P. Deer. All in favor; motion carried.

- c) Access to Veterans Memorial Auditorium – Continues to be tabled.
- d) Building Usage
  - i. Richard Shea's request to use the Fowler Building once a month, on behalf of Reuben James Post 245 Catholic War Veterans, has been approved and logistics finalized.
  - ii. AA will be using the Fowler Building on Sunday mornings, from 9-10AM, October 2014–April 2015.

V. New Business – Request received from a history teacher at Jonathan Law High School inviting veterans to come in and speak with students to commemorate Veterans Day. T. Flowers indicated his availability; awaiting further direction from the school.

VI. Announcements / Good of the Order

- a) Beirut Candlelight Ceremony to be held in Putnam, CT on October 23, 2014 in remembrance of the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Lebanon bombing.
- b) VFW Department Commander Testimonial to be held on October 26, 2014.

VII. Possible Agenda Topics

- a) None discussed.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:28PM by T. Flowers; seconded by C. Smith.

Next meeting will be held on November 10, 2014 at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Durner  
Recording Secretary