

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

** Meeting **

DATE: Thursday May 19, 2022 at 19:30

Oak Forest City Hall [Blue Room](#)

Chairman: (X) Joe Pilch

Liaison to the city: (X) Paul Selman

Committee Members 11: (X) Chris Adams, (X) Ralph Chichester, (X) Dennis Mitzner,
() Dave Moore, (X) John Perales, (X) Jim Pioth, (X) Don Snedden, (X) Tom O'Neill,
() Jim Watson, () Rich Wojotowicz

Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of the April minutes by Jim Pioth 2nd by Don Snedden.
 - All members present approved, no nays.

4. **Liaison to the City Report Paul Selman:**

- Saturday May 28 placing flags throughout town for Memorial.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Banners program honoring our (Oak Forest) Hometown Military Heroes 87 requests. Banners are being placed on Cicero Avenue only right now.
- Flag receptacle next cleaning out date Saturday May 28th at 13:00. After placing flags around town.
- Paul contacted Tom Ceska about painting base of Nike Missile.
- Midlothian Independence Day Parade June 25 line up 10:00 AM at Kilpatrick and 147. Joe will send in the application. We will be dressed in polo's for this event.
- Senior luncheon May 26 present colors at 10:45 Park Place at Central Oak Forest Park District 15601 Central Ave. We need to meet at 10:30 AM in white shirt with cords and ascot. There will be a presentation on missing man table.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Our Home Town heroes "Finding our Fallen book", made by Craig Miller has returned home. Thanks to the anonymous person that delivered it.
- Motion by Dennis Mitzner 2nd by Don Snedden to have a plaque made honoring Rich Simon for establishing the Veterans Commission.

- Veterans Voices from Orland Park has a Wendella Boat cruise on Lake Michigan July 20 and if extra room we will be invited to attend.
- Is there any chance of getting a TV connected up in the city hall lobby for advertising events etc. all connections are there waiting the TV.
- **THIS DAY IN HISTORY, May 19**
 - T.E. Lawrence, known to the world as Lawrence of Arabia, dies as a retired Royal Air Force mechanic living under an assumed name. The legendary war hero, author and archaeological scholar succumbed to injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident six days before.

Trivia: (You do not win anything but it is fun playing?)

Q. Bob Hope's first USO show was performed on what day and year?

A. May 6 1941

Q. Extra Credit – This day also is Military Spouses appreciation day.

A. May 6th

7. Once around the Table.

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

- Ralph – Most services do have a Medal of Honor except Coast Guard. Is this correct?
- Don- VFW did test fire the M1 rifles they received at the Masonic Lodge building on Oak Park. Had a few reports of gunfire, but all was good.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 20:45 by Dennis Mitzner 2nd by Ralph Chichester.

All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday June 16, 19:30 in [Blue Room](#).

Meeting dates for 2022 meetings start at 19:30.

January 20	February 17	March 17	April 21	May 19	June 16
July 21	Aug 18	Sept 15	Oct 20	Nov 17	Dec 15 No meeting

Dates and times could change with approval of committee.