

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

** Agenda **

DATE: Thursday June 16, 2022 at 19:30

Oak Forest City Hall [Blue Room](#)

Chairman: () Joe Pilch

Liaison to the city: () Paul Selman

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

Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of the May minutes by _____ 2nd by -----.
- All members present approved, no nays.

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

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5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Banners program honoring our (Oak Forest) Hometown Military Heroes looks good. Next year we may be over whelmed.
- Flag receptacle is now at least half-empty. We will not need to cut the blue out anymore just bag and I will get them to Larry Nolan. He has a funeral home that will burn them.
- 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 application has been sent. 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. Thanks to Tom, Rich and me presenting colors.
- 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.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The **Medal of Honor (MOH)** is the [United States government's](#) highest and most prestigious [military decoration](#) that may be awarded to recognize American [soldiers](#), [sailors](#), [marines](#), [airmen](#), [guardians](#), and [coast guardsmen](#) who have distinguished themselves by acts of [valor](#). The medal is normally awarded by the [President of the United States](#), but as it is presented "in the name of the [United States Congress](#)", it is often referred to (erroneously) as the "Congressional Medal of Honor".^{[2][8][9][10]}
- There are three distinct variants of the medal: one for the [Department of the Army](#), awarded to soldiers, one for the [Department of the Navy](#), awarded to sailors and marines, as well as coast guardsmen of the [Department of Homeland Security](#), and one for the [Department of the Air Force](#), awarded to airmen and Space Force guardians. The Medal of Honor was introduced for the Department of the Navy in 1861, soon followed by the Department of the Army's version in 1862. The Department of the Air Force used the Department of the Army's version until they received their own distinctive version in 1965. The Medal of Honor is the oldest continuously issued combat decoration of the [United States Armed Forces](#). The president typically presents the Medal of Honor at a formal ceremony intended to represent the gratitude of the American people, with posthumous presentations made to the primary next of kin. According to the Medal of Honor Historical Society of the United States, there have been 3,530 Medals of Honor awarded to 3,511 individuals since the decoration's creation, with over 410% awarded for actions during the [American Civil War](#). In 1990, Congress designated March 25 annually as "[National Medal of Honor Day](#)".

- **THIS DAY IN HISTORY, June 16**
 - [1779](#) Spain declares war on Great Britain in support of France and the USA, starting the Great Siege of Gibraltar which goes on to last 3 years, 7 months and 2 weeks
 - [1858 Abraham Lincoln](#) says "A house divided against itself cannot stand" accepting Illinois Republican Party's nomination for the Senate
 - [1904](#) Bloomsday (date of events in [James Joyce's](#) novel "Ulysses")
 - [1963](#) Soviet space mission Vostok 6 is launched with [Valentina Tereshkova](#) onboard, who becomes the 1st woman in space
 - [2000](#) Israel complies with UN Security Council Resolution 425 after 22 years, which calls on Israel to completely withdraw from Lebanon. Israel withdraws from all of Lebanon, except the disputed Sheba Farms

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

Q. Which Military Branches Birthday is June 14?

A.

Q. Extra Credit – This day is also

A.

7. Once around the Table.

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 20:-- by _____ 2nd by _____.

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.