

# OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

\*\* Meeting \*\*

DATE: Thursday September 17, 2020 at 20:00

Oak Forest City Council Chambers

**Chairman:** (X) Joe Pilch

**Liaison to the city:** (X) Paul Selman

**Committee Members 12:** (X) Chris Adams, (X) Ralph Chichester, (X) Dennis Mitzner, (X) Dave Moore, (X) John Perales, (X) Jim Pioth, (X) Don Snedden, ( ) Tom O'Neill, ( ) Jim Watson, ( ) Rich Wojtowicz

**Honorary Member:**

**Guest:**

1. **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion to approve the August minutes by Dennis Mitzner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Don Snedden.
  - All members present approved.

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

- City Council recognized 19<sup>th</sup> year of September 11 anniversary and had a moment of silence.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- We can add 2 more members to our commission.
- Veterans Day is Wednesday November 11 this year. The commission is planning to deposit some retired flags ashes in the flag repository at James/155 and Central (City of Oak Forest campus). Suggested that we pre-record the ceremony and play at November 10 City council meeting. Veterans' commission could post colors at City Council Meeting. Dennis Mitzner will arrange a day and time with TV crew.
  - Paul Selman has some previously used flags that are still ok to fly. You can request one from a member of the commission.
- Community Expo has been canceled for 2020.
- Need a uniform for our newest member. Also, need to order two polo's.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- We have a new member that needs a 2-x shirt. I do have a set in the EMA office. Need to order polo for 2 members.
- Anything for the good of commission or Veterans? Once around the table.
  - Dave – Has talked with Eagle gun range about reserving time and they need to know who does not have FOID card. Dave will get pricing etc.
  - Don – Illinois is farming out FOID card applications to Indiana state police to speed up the delivery.
    - Last two bags of flags wet to the funeral home for retiring. Have more field of blue to give to Elks club.

- Ralph – Tinley Park American Legion is temporarily closed because of COVID19 until mid-October.
- Dennis – Had an Abe Lincoln memorial squad meeting which they talked about “Wreaths across America” ceremony. December 19<sup>th</sup> is the National Wreath across America day. There may be a different process of placing wreaths.
  - There are 60,000 veterans buried at Abe Lincoln cemetery.
- Paul – Has saved some usable flags from the retirement ceremony. If anyone has a request for a newer flag contact Paul.
- Joe – Jim Watson had a COVID 19 test and he was told to quarantine for four days. He must be having an operation soon.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 20:45 by Dennis Mitzner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jim Pioth.  
All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday October 15, 19:30 in the Oak Forest Council Chambers.

**Meeting dates for 2020**

January 16	February 20	March 19	April 16	May 21	June 18
July 16	Aug 20	Sept 17	Oct 15	Nov 19	Dec 17?

Dates and times could change with approval of committee.