

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

** Meeting **

DATE: Thursday June 16, 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, (X) Dave Moore, () 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 May minutes by Jim Pioth 2nd by Don Snedden.
 - All members present approved, no nays.

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

- At council meeting mentioned Flag Day and Army birthday of 247 years.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Flag receptacle next cleaning out date is Saturday July 2 about 9:00.
- Paul and Joe will continue to talk with Tom Ceska about painting base of Nike Missile. Paul actually met with Tom at Nike missile site.
- Midlothian Independence Day Parade June 25 line up 10:00 AM at Kilpatrick and 147. Three or four members may attend.
- Senior luncheon May 26 presented colors. All went well except pledge started before we posted colors. Had audio of missing man table and it was well received.
- Will the TV planned for the vestibule at City hall ever be installed? This would be an information source almost like our outdoor sign.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Veterans Voices (Orland Park Veterans Commission) invited any veteran commission member to join them on Wendella cruise on Lake Michigan July 20.
- Last month a question was asked does Coast Guard members receive Medal of Honor?
- My Research at Medal of Honor Museum <https://mohmuseum.org/medal-monday-the-three-medals-of-honor/>

- **Army**
The US Army has awarded 2,451 medals, the most of any branch of the military. Over half of the total amount of Army Medal of Honor recipients were awarded during the Civil War, with 1,522 recipients.
 - **US Navy**
The US Navy has awarded 749 medals to members of the US Navy. In addition, members of the US Marines and US Coast Guard are also eligible to receive this medal. There have been 299 medals awarded to members of the US Marine Corps and **one medal awarded to a member of the US Coast Guard.**
 - **US Air Force**
There have been 18 medals awarded to members of the US Air Force since it was created in 1965.
- **THIS DAY IN HISTORY, June 16**
 - On this day in 1963, **Soviet cosmonaut Valentina V. Tereshkova** became the first woman to travel in space, having been launched into orbit aboard the spacecraft Vostok 6, which completed 48 orbits in 71 hours.

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

Q. During the Korean War, what country, along with the United States, supported South Korea to stand for democracy and oppose communism.

- A.** A. Canada **B. Great Britain** C. France D. None of the above

7. Once around the Table.

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

Dennis – Asked Jim Watson if he wanted a ride to meeting but he declined.

Abe Lincoln Cemetery had a huge crowd of people probably numbers higher than 1500.

Tom – Say a prayer tonight for the 16 Veterans at Manteno that have contracted COVID and keep them in your prayers.

Lewis University is giving rides in a B-24 for a cost.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 21:26 by Dennis Mitzner 2nd by Don Snedden.
All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday July 21, 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.