

VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (VAC)

Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, September 15th, 2014 @ 8:13 P.M.

American Legion Hall
12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut

Members in attendance: R. Farrington-Chairman, , T. Dickerson, W. Willinsky, J. Sterry, P. DeRing, , D. Hutchins

Absent: K. Burke, R. Walton, R. Cote, W. Petras

Guest(s) in attendance: J. Mill (Middletown Press)

Meeting called to order at 20:13. (The meeting start was delayed because the American Legion annual potluck supper honoring the Boy's State and Girl's State attendees ran late.

Minutes from prior meeting were not available.

W. Willinsky received a call from a woman saying that her son's name had been removed from monument. This was not the case. The woman just missed seeing it because she thought that all of the names were in alphabetical order. (The first batch was put on in alphabetical order however, after the first batch; names are added each year as they come in.

W. Willinsky said that the Town Technical Support personnel would eventually get the names up on the town's webpage so the names can be searched.

T. DeRing – Nothing to report. Members asked if he could get some updated information or flyers.

J. Sterry, Veterans Service Officer – Two veterans were in need of assistance. One he could not help and the other one he is working on helping. He also noted that there had been a change in staffing in Hartford at the American Legion Connecticut Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines Fund.

Discussed Veterans Day activities. R. Farrington and W. Willinsky will speak with Seby Milardo and the High School about the Veteran's dinner. They also recommended better control of the tickets this year as last year they gave out 250 tickets but only 200 people showed up.

It was suggested that maybe we could buy some blue star flags and provide them to families with active duty service members. (They estimated we would need a couple of dozen.)

W. Willinsky passed that S. Petras asked the VAC to consider purchasing wreathes for Wreathes Across America. While all were in support of buying them, the cost was not available so it was decided to wait until next month or discuss it over the phone or through e-mail.

Veterans Day celebration schedule:

Hartford Veterans Day parade – Nov 2nd

American Legion breakfast – Nov 8th

Red, White and Blue mass – Nov 9th

Veterans Day ceremony – Nov 11th

Veterans Day dinner – Nov 11th

Meeting adjourned at 20:32.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Oct 20th, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy Dickerson