

Veterans Affairs Committee
REGULAR MEETING
May 16, 2016

PRESENT: W. Willinsky, R. Farrington, R. Cote, P. DeRing, T. Dickerson (arrived late)

ABSENT: K. Burke, W. Petras, F. Hutchings, J. Sterry

OTHERS PRESENT: S. Sterry-Rudder (Portland Memorial Day Parade Organizer)
Juliet Hryniszyn (Portland High School)
Micayla Kellie (Portland High School)

1. CHAIRMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman W. Willinsky called the REGULAR meeting to order at the American Legion Hall, located at 12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut. A quorum of members was not present at the beginning (5 are required) so the meeting was started as an informational session until the fifth member arrived.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

General Discussion

Discussed the role and purpose of the VAC with the Portland High School students in attendance.

VAC member T. Dickerson arrived giving us a quorum.

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

N/A

4. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

R. Farrington made a motion, seconded by R. Cote to accept the minutes from the April 18th, 2016 meeting. All were in favor.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to pass.

6. VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER'S REPORT (J. Sterry)

Not present.

7. VETERANS BENEFITS & INFORMATION OFFICER'S REPORT (P. DeRing)

Nothing to pass.

8. COMMISSION ADVISOR'S REPORT (R. Farrington)

The three Portland garden clubs plan on planting flowers on May 18th in the gardens around Veteran's Memorial Park.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Four names will be added to the Portland monument this year.

600 flags were purchased and have been received. Volunteers will help put them at the gravesite of veterans on May 23rd.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to pass.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT

Held at the beginning.

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Meeting adjourned. The next Regular meeting is scheduled for June 20th, 2016 at 6:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Dickerson

Recording Secretary