

Veterans Affairs Committee
REGULAR MEETING
December 19, 2016

PRESENT: W. Willinsky, R. Farrington, T. Dickerson, J. Sterry, P. DeRing

ABSENT: R. Cote, W. Petras, F. Hutchings, K. Burke

OTHERS PRESENT:

1. CHAIRMAN CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman W. Willinsky called the REGULAR meeting to order at 1837 at the American Legion Hall, located at 12 Freestone Avenue, Portland, Connecticut.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF OUR COUNTRY

3. ACCEPT AGENDA

Accepted.

4. ACCEPT MEETING MINUTES

J. Sterry made a motion, seconded by T. Dickerson to accept the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting. All were in favor.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing new to pass.

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

No active cases. He still has two \$50 food gift certificates to Tri-town for needy veterans. The committee recommended that he speak with R. Maio, director of the Portland Food Bank, to see if she knows of any needy veterans.

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

Nothing new to pass.

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

Nothing new to pass.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Wreathes –Across-America –P. Dering picked up wreathes from S. Petras. R. Farrington and W. Willinsky will distribute them this week.

R. Farrington and W. Willinsky conducted the flag retirement ceremony a couple of weeks ago.

10. NEW BUSINESS

W. Willinsky passed that he delivered a thank you note to Seby Milardo and a certificate of appreciation to Dell printing for their support and donations for the Veterans Dinner. We will continue to investigate creating a plaque for Seby with the possibility of presenting it to him at the 2017 Veterans Dinner.

We also need to have one of these made up for Darlene at Brownstone Barber's for all of the posters that she creates for us. W. Willinsky will follow up on this.

No new information on engraving the flagstones with Frances Schoell's name. W. Willinsky to pursue getting a quote for the engraving.

No names have been received so far for engraving on the Memorial Wall. There are several names mentioned on Sunday's at St. Mary's Church for military personnel. We will investigate their circumstances to see if they should be added to the wall.

11. GENERAL DISCUSSION / PUBLIC COMMENT

This past weekend, veterans William Anderson and Edward Cyrulik both passed away.

A proposed meeting schedule for 2017 was presented. All in attendance were in favor as presented.

Here is the meeting schedule for 2017: (The third Monday of the month at 18:30 unless noted.)

January 2017 – No Meeting

February 27, 2017* – Fourth Monday due to holiday on the 20th.

March 20, 2017

April 17, 2017

May 15, 2017

June 19, 2017

July 2017 – No Meeting

August 2017 – No Meeting

September 18, 2017

October 16, 2017

November 20, 2017

December 18, 2017

Here is the Agenda for Regular meetings:

1. Call meeting to order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of minutes from last meeting
5. Secretary's report
6. Veterans Service Officer's report
7. Veterans Benefits & Information Officer's report
8. Committee Advisor's report
9. Old business
10. New business
11. General discussion/Public comment
12. Adjournment

12. ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

T. Dickerson made a motion, seconded by J. Sterry to adjourn the meeting. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned at 1905. There is no meeting scheduled for January 2017 so the next Regular meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Timothy E. Dickerson

Recording Secretary