

SOUTH WINDSOR PATRIOTIC COMMISSION

September 16, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Kent Carlson, followed by the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE: Roger Anderson, Herb Asplund, Gene Botteron, Kent Carlson, Ed Gawlinski, Ken Lewis, Leigh Lovering, Daria Plummer, Art Sladyk; Guests: Michael Mull and Gary Mason, Nathan Hale Chapter 31-1, Vietnam Vets Combat Motorcycle Association

The agenda was suspended for a presentation to Kent Carlson, Chair, and to the SW Patriotic Commission by the Vietnam Veterans Combat Motorcycle Association, Nathan Hale Chapter 31-1, regarding Armed Forces Day participation. The plaque reads as follows: On behalf of the Combat Motorcycle Association, CVMA, Chapter 31-1, please accept sincere thanks for inviting us to attend the Armed Forces Day Festival at Nevers Park, 2019. You and your commission's continue support of Veterans and our organization is greatly appreciated. Your efforts contributed substantially to our camaraderie and a wonderful time was had by all. Once again I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you and your members for your kindness and support. Sincerely, (signed) Michael Mull, Chapter Commander

MINUTES:

- Minutes from the June 17, 2019 meeting were accepted as printed on a **motion** by Sladyk/Lewis.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kent Carlson

- 2019-20 Budget remains the same. Scholarships (donations) will be sought to help offset Armed Forces Day celebration.

CORRESPONDENCE: Kent Carlson

- Bobbi Jo has a medical situation within the family; her attendance at home is needed for the next few months.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Essay Contest 2020: (Report for Roger Anderson)

- 2020 Contest subjects defined. Applications will be distributed in January for a March 1 return date. Commission will receive essays to read in March; select winners in April.

Armed Forces Day May 16, 2020: Kent Carlson

- Ken Lewis will assist Kent Carlson
- Emphasis placed on having Jaycees require veteran owned business booths that such signage must be at the table; tables with items for veterans, unless a veteran owned business, do not need such a designation
- Food trucks greatly help

Memorial Day Parade and Ceremony, May 25, 2020: Leigh Lovering

- Motorcycle unit want no marchers in front of them; this was accommodated for them in 2019—they were behind the fire trucks. Placement recommended to be the same for 2020.
- Essay contest winners will be in Division 3, behind the Boy Scouts
- Discussion reopened by Leigh on the discussion held in June in his absence (*Discussion held on participants in Memorial Day Parade. It was decided unanimously that SW students should be invited to*

participate in the parade. The responsibility for a supervisory plan will be the responsibility of the organization (PTOs/schools themselves). Discussion held that if school children are in the parade, the meaning of the “why we march” needs to be emphasized to them and that it is an honor to march in support of the meaning of Memorial Day. Members mentioned that all groups need to know that their participations is for the purpose of patriotism. Further discussion will be held.

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Flag Day collections/ flag retirement ceremony 9 AM, June 12, 2020: Ken Lewis

- Ken will assume collection responsibilities
- Art trying to get Boy Scouts involved in the collection for us
- Art working with a scout to make new collection boxes as an Eagle project

Veterans Day Ceremony November 11, 2019: Kent Carlson

- Ed will organize and run
- Gene will order wreaths and bring with holders to ceremony
- Several names were discussed as speaker for Veterans Day

Veterans in the Schools 2019: Daria Plummer

- Daria and Roger will meet with Tim Zeuschner, SWHS acting assistant principal, who will oversee Veterans in the Schools at SWHS. Daria will contact TEMS and all elementary schools for their schedules.

Wreaths Across America December 9, 2019 (Capitol) and December 14, 2019 (SW-VMP): Art Sladyk (no report at this time)

Wall Behind the Monument and Improvements at VMP: Art Sladyk

- Fire pit moving to original site
- Boy Scout (Eagle Scout candidate) in charge of this project

Wall of Honor: Herb Asplund

- Names up-to-date. Names are not read at every Council meeting

OLD BUSINESS: None at this time

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion held on banner project as envisioned by Mihika Joshi, grade 6, TEMS. Consensus was that the better times to solicit for funding would be at Wreaths Across America (VMP), SWHS craft fair, Armed Forces Day, and Memorial Day (VMP). Daria will contact the Joshi family. She also will make contact with the organizational leader of the December fair at SWHS.
- Discussion held on flags throughout town center area. Boy and Girl Scout leaders will be approached by Art Sladyk and Tom Field to see if Eagle Scout candidates and Gold Award candidates might be interested. Key to all of this is “where to locate and who is able to give permission for placement.”
- **Motion: K. Lewis/R. Anderson:** Move that the SW Patriotic Commission donate \$100 to Boy Scout Troop 880 to assist in the financial endeavor of a scout involved in flag collection boxes. **Carried**
- Town Manager will be invited to a meeting in the future
- Officers selected for 2019-20: Kent Carlson, Chair; Leigh Lovering, Vice-chair; Daria Plummer, Secretary.

ANYTHING FOR THE GOOD OF THE COMMITTEE:

- Flags on Alison/Farnham Drives noticed. Commission trying to find who is responsible so we may assist in some way.
- Eight bricks ordered; two more impending.

Adjournment: 8:20 PM, on a motion to adjourn by Sladyk/Gawlinski

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019

Respectfully submitted,
Daria Plummer, Secretary