

Veterans Advisory Council, April 23, 2013

SCITUATE VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes- April 23, 2013

Location: Christ Lutheran Church, Rte 3A Scituate, MA

Members Present: Joseph Kelley (Chairman), Edward Covell (Vice Chairman), Robert McHugh (Treasurer), Vincent Fountain, James Hunt, Dennis Badore, Richard Johnson, John Miller

Members Absent: Karen Kelley, Jack Manning, Ben Summers, Don Knapp (VSO-ex officio), VFW Commander

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by Chairman Kelley

Pledge of Allegiance recited

March Minutes:

Motion was made to approve the 03/19/2013 meeting minutes as drafted motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously- minutes approved and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Mc Hugh reported a pending change balance of \$1873.30. Thanks to the generous donation of \$1,000 from the Scituate Rotary Club. The Rotary Club has requested that the VAC use the funds for the benefit and promotion of Veterans services to all Veterans that reside in the Town of Scituate.

Chairman Kelley reported that the Scituate Food Pantry provide VSO Don Knapp with Super Market Gift cards of \$380.00 for emergency use for Scituate Veterans.

Cudworth Flagpole:

Chairman Kelley reported that the Flagpole is scheduled to be replaced by DPW mid May. Chairman Kelley has suggested that a ceremony be planned to acknowledge and thank the Town for the new Flag Pole. Saturday May 18, 2013 is the target date. Chairman Kelley suggested that Richard Johnson contact and invite the Town's Scout Troops to the Ceremony and ask them to help replace the damaged flags on all Veterans Graves in Town.

Correspondence:

Chairman Kelley reviewed a letter from James A. Wadley he is a volunteer and for years has worked with the VSO to place Flags on Veterans Graves of St. Mary's Cemetery. Mr. Wadley has reported that the Flag holders on Veterans graves have been stolen by vandals and he has been requesting funds from various groups in town to replace the holders with Plastic ones.

The VAC has suggested that a letter be drafted and presented to Don Knapp VSO. The letter would contain a suggested wish list to maintain the Towns Veterans Graves in a more respectful and dignified way. Chairman Kelley will deliver the letter to Don Knapp VSO.

Chairman Kelley reported that Michael Scott has completed his term as Council Secretary. Mr. Scott has not yet decided if he would renew his term. The Council is very grateful for a job well done during the Council's first year of service by Secretary Michael Scott. It has been suggested that the Council nominate a new Secretary; nominations will take place at the Councils next meeting.

VSO report:

None

Newsletter Project:

Chairman Kelley reviewed the most recent draft of the newsletter entitled (THE SCITUATE VETERAN) Also be big THANK YOU to our newsletter Editor Jim Hunt for a job well done! The final piece of the newsletter (VSO information) was not received from Don Knapp. It was voted unanimously by the VAC to go forward with producing the newsletter minus VSO input. The goal is to distribute by Memorial Day.

Wreaths across America:

Chairman Kelley discussed a fund raiser that a Veterans group from Holbrook has created. It is called the Tombstone run, it is created to help defray the cost and establish awareness of a worthy cause. The Council would also like to support a Wreaths across America fund raiser event. The Council will review any and all suggestions.

Public Comment:

None

Next Meeting date set for May 21, 2013, at 7:00 pm at Maritime Center

Motion to adjourn meeting made and seconded; vote unanimous and meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Kelley, VAC Chairman