

Veterans Advisory Council, May 21, 2013

SCITUATE VETERANS ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes- May 21, 2013

Location: Scituate Maritime Center

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 7:00 pm by Chairman Kelley
Pledge of Allegiance recited

April 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 balance of \$1873.30

Cudworth Flagpole:

Chairman Kelley reported that the Flagpole has been installed at the Cudworth Veterans Cemetery. A dedication of the new Flagpole is scheduled to take place on Memorial Day. The Scituate American Legion will lead the Dedication Ceremony. Council Member Richard Johnson has agreed to invite Scouts to attend the Ceremony. Chairman Kelley recognize Council Member Vincent Fountain for his effort in promoting replacing the Flag Pole and a special thank you to the Towns Administrator, for authorizing the purchase and the placement of the Pole.

Flag replacement on Veterans Graves:

Chairman Kelley reported that on Saturday May 18th VSO Donald Knapp met early Saturday morning with the VAC and Scituate Boy Scout Troops and distributed American Flags. Cemeteries were assigned and the Flags were placed on the Veterans Graves. Later in the day the Scouts held a Flag retirement Ceremony.

Jim Hunt reported that an article with pictures of the event will be published in the Mariner Newspaper.

Memorial Day:

It was discussed that it would be beneficial to all that the Memorial Day Ceremony be planned in advanced. It was also suggested that the VAC and the American Legion take more of an active role in the planning and implementing this very special event along with other Military Holidays with the assistance of VSO Don Knapp.

Further discussion ensued for the need of more communications with the VSO and Town Hall. We have been organized to support the VSO and to help provide the needed support to the Veterans in the Town of Scituate.

Vice Chairman Ed Covell Shared a concern that the wreaths on the 28 memorials in the Town have not been replaced. The only information that the VAC has received is there is no budget for the purchase of the wreaths. Chairman Kelley and Vice Chairman Covell have scheduled a meeting with Town Administrator to correct this oversight.

Wreaths across America Project:

Chairman Kelley suggested that the VAC consider as a goal this year to add another Cemetery to the

Wreath project. It was agreed that a small committee come up with some fund raising ideas. Guest Lisa Potts has volunteered to man a booth at Heritage Days for this effort. Council Member Richard Johnson has agreed to present a plan of action at our next meeting.

Vote in a new VAC Board: Chairman Kelley stated that June is the month that we elect new officers to the Council. Council Member Vincent Fountain has already volunteered to be the VAC Secretary for the coming year.

VSO report:

None

Newsletter Project:

The Newsletter has been sent to South Shore VO Tech for printing. Council Member Jim Hunt reports that he has made several attempts to check on the progress of the printing he has not received a reply. We have asked Council Member Jack Mann to inquire. It looks like we will not meet our goal to distribute by Memorial Day.

Correspondence:

None

Public Comment:

Lisa Potts Thanked the VAC for the improvements in Veterans Services that it has helped provide to the Veterans in the Town of Scituate over this past year. She also stated that she is willing help us were needed.

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

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded; vote unanimous and meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Kelley, VAC Chairman