

CITY OF OAK FOREST

Veterans Commission

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 21, 2023 – 7:30 p.m.

Blue Room – Conference Room



15440 S. Central Avenue
Oak Forest, IL 60452
(708) 687-4050

CHAIRMAN:	Joe Pilch
LIAISON:	Alderman Paul Selman
MEMBERS:	Christopher Adams
	Ralph Chichester
	Dennis Mitzner
	Dave Moore
	Tom O’Neill
	John Perales
	Jim Pioth
	Don Snedden
	Jim Watson
	Richard Wojotowicz

Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. Pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
 - Approval of the August minutes by _____ 2nd by _____.
 - All members present approved.
4. Liaison to the City Report Paul Selman:
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5. Old business:
 - Joe checking with PW about burning flags at PW area. No Date yet.
 - Planning for Independence Day 2024 (July 4th) picnic and concert at Park District Pavilion behind main Park District building.
 - Need to incorporate Operation Gratitude or Manteno Veterans Home into Independence Day event July 4th.
 - Need to schedule military vehicles around the area for display.

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- Need someone to contact food truck vendors. Dennis asked Jack Frost to attend.
 - Need at least four Port-a-potties, 1 handicapped accessible and 3 others plus handwash station.
 - Parking would be in front of Park District, on Long Ave. and soccer practice fields.
 - Hang Veterans Banners and American Flag on pavilion.
 - Need MC of the event. Dennis Mitzner volunteered.
 - Handout challenge coins, pens, luggage tags etc.
 - One of our members could use a little yard clean-up assistance. Rotary Club of Oak Forest has cleaned up his yard on September 5.
 - Veterans Birthday sign placement has been assigned to commission members. I believe we are up to date in placing signs.

6. New business

7. Once around the Table

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

8. Adjournment

Our next meeting is Thursday October 19, 2023 at 19:30 in [the Blue Room](#).

Dates and times could change with approval of committee.

Meeting dates for 2023 meetings start at 19:30.

January 19 February 16 March 16 April 20

July 20 August 17 September 21

May 18

June 15

October 19 November 16

Dec 15 No meeting

What Happened on This Day – September 21

- [46 BC Julius Caesar](#) celebrates first of four triumphal processions in Rome - over Gaul, Egypt, Pontus and Africa with leader of the Gauls Vercingetorix led in chains
 - [1621 King James I](#) of England gives Sir William Alexander a royal charter for colonisation of Nova Scotia
 - [1792 French Revolution](#): The National Convention passes a proclamation announcing the formal abolition of the French monarchy
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- [1898](#) Empress Dowager Cixi seizes power and ends the Hundred Days' Reform in China, imprisoning the Guangxu Emperor



Stonehenge

[1915](#) Cecil Chubb buys English prehistoric monument [Stonehenge](#) for £6,600

- [1922](#) US President [Warren G. Harding](#) signs a joint resolution of approval to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine
 - [1936](#) Spanish fascist junta names [Francisco Franco](#) to Generalissimo and Supreme Commander
 - [1949](#) Chinese Communist leaders proclaim the People's Republic of China
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Trivia:

(You do not win anything, but it is fun playing?)

August Question:

Q. This one's a little bit hairy: the Spanish for "little war" gave us what G-word term for a type of warfare in which small groups of fighters take on larger and less mobile military?

Answer: Guerilla

September Question:

Q. On December 1st, 1959, a dozen nations around the world signed a treaty declaring which chilly continent a no-military zone that would be used mainly for scientific research?

Answer: