

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

**** Meeting ****

DATE: Thursday May 18, 2023 at 19:30

Oak Forest City Hall Blue Room

Chairman: (X) Joe Pilch

Liaison to the city: (X) Paul Selman

Committee Members 11: (X) Chris Adams, () Ralph Chichester, (X) Dennis Mitzner, (X) Dave Moore, () John Perales, (X) Jim Pioth, (X) Don Snedden, (X) Tom O'Neill, () Jim Watson, (X) Rick Wojotowicz

Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. Pledge of allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the April minutes by Jim Pioth 2nd by Dennis Mitzner.
 - All present approved, no nays.

4. Liaison to the City Report Paul Selman:

- Announced at City Council meeting that flags and banners have been put up.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Emptying of the Flag receptacle is Saturday June 3 at 10 AM.
- Planning for FOURTH OF July 2023 concert at Park District Pavilion behind main Park District building.
 - We will incorporate Operation Gratitude into Independence Day event July 4th.
 - Would like some military vehicles around the area that night. Paul will contact his trucking company and Joe will contact Mike Salamowicz (PW Director) and John Robinson (Asst. PW Director) they both have military vehicles.
 - Joe will contact Nick's Hot dog and Ken Keeler (Kenootz) to provide food service/truck.
 - We should have at least 4 Port-a-potties, 1 handicapped accessible and 3 others.
 - Parking would be in front of Park District on Long Ave. or soccer practice fields. Will request sign from PW.
- One of our members could use a little yard clean-up assistance. Joe will talk with him about setting a date.
- Veterans Birthday yard signs are in city hall. I have posted the first birthday sign on Deerpath Rd. Next ones are 5/4 & 5/25.

- Are there any restrictions for putting names on picture when they are transitioned to the TV? No restrictions at all.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Memorial Day Flag placing around the city needs people to place flags weekend of May 20. Meet at City Hall at 9:00 AM Saturday May 20.
- We were asked to post colors at the Senior Luncheon on May 25th at 11:00 AM. Class “A” uniform (gold ascots and cords) will meet at Park Place (OF Park District) 10:30.
- Memorial Day Ceremony by the VFW post is Monday May 29 at 11:00 AM

7. **Once around the Table.**

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

- Dave - Will the debt ceiling be of concern to Veterans? We do not think it should but you never know. Need to contact VA service center or VA benefits.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 20:45 by Dennis Mitzner 2nd by Tom O’Neill.

All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday June 15, 2023 at 19:30 in [Blue Room](#).

Dates and times could change with approval of committee. May be posted in agenda if time permits.

Meeting dates for 2023 meetings start at 19:30.

January 19	February 16	March 16	April 20	May 18	June 15
July 20	August 17	September 21	October 19	November 16	Dec 15 No meeting

What Happened On This Day – May 18

- **2009 The Sri Lankan Civil War ends**

The 25-year conflict between the government and the separatist Tamil Tigers had claimed up to 100,000 lives. It ended with the Tigers' defeat.

- **1980 Mount St. Helens erupts**

The eruption killed 57 people. A large part of the previously cone-shaped volcano was replaced by a massive crater; its summit is now some 1300 feet (400 meters) lower than before the eruption.

- **1927 45 people die in the United States' worst school massacre**

In the Bath school disaster, a disgruntled school board member set off several bombs at the Bath Consolidated School and other locations in Michigan.

- **1848 The first German National Assembly gathers in Frankfurt**

The assembly constituted the first freely elected parliament of Germany. It produced a constitution that provided the basis for today's constitution of Germany (Grundgesetz).

- **1804 Napoleon Bonaparte is appointed Emperor of the French**

Even today, the French leader, a native of Corsica, is widely known for his successful military campaigns - and his final defeat at the Battle of Waterloo.

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

April question

Q. What does WAC stand for?

- A. War Alliance Council
- B. Wounded Army Coalition
- C. **Women's Army Corps**
- D. None of the above.

May Question

Q. Who was the pilot of the B-29 "Enola Gay" that dropped the Hiroshima bomb?

- **Col. Paul Tibbets**
- Col. Joseph William Kittinger II
- Col. Herman G. "Hank" Tillman Jr.
- Col. Frank W. Murphy