

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

** Agenda **

DATE: Thursday November 17, 2022 at **18:00**

Oak Forest City Hall [Blue Room](#)

Chairman: (X) Joe Pilch

Liaison to the city: (X) Paul Selman

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

Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. **Pledge of allegiance**

2. **Roll Call**

3. **Approval of Minutes**

- Approval of the October minutes by _____ 2nd by _____.
 - All members present approved, no nays.

4. **Liaison to the City Report Paul Selman:**

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5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Flag receptacle now has plastic pallets for bottom to keep the flags dry. There are three inside the flag box, standing up, we will have to configure for the box. Need a planning day.
 - Don Snedden has coordinated a flag retirement at a friend's house for Saturday Nov. 19. Larry Nolan says he has enough flags for Elks club. We should care for disposal. Next time he will take flags.
- Are we changing the parade theme or a different venue and date? Suggested to change the theme to "Home Town Heroes". Any more ideas?
- One of our members could use a little yard clean-up assistance. We will assist in cleaning things up for him on date TBA.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Tree Decorating starts after November 21.
- December 10th Sunday at noon, drive by for a Korean Veteran turning 90 years old.
- Should we cancel December meeting? Motion by Mitzner via email.

What Happened on This Day – November 17

- **2003 Arnold Schwarzenegger sworn in as Californian Governor**

The bodybuilder and actor best known for his role as a cyborg in the science fiction movie, The Terminator, replaced then Governor Gray Davis. Schwarzenegger elected for another term as governor in 2007.

- **1989 Velvet Revolution begins**

A week after the fall of the Berlin Wall, a demonstration of by students commemorating International Students Day in Prague violently shut down by riot police. The incident led to mass strikes and nonviolent around the country that ended communist rule in erstwhile Czechoslovakia and paved the way for the first democratic elections in the country in 41 years.

- **1973 Athens Polytechnic Uprising Ends**

The popular protests against the military junta under Georgios Papadopoulos began on November 14 when students at the polytechnic went on a strike. On the morning of November 17, the military crashed into the campus grounds using a tank and put an end of the protests. While no one was thought to have been killed on the polytechnic campus, many people were killed in clashes around the city. Today, all schools and universities closed on November 17 to commemorate the uprising.

- **1869 Construction on Suez Canal finished**

The 120 miles (193 kms) long artificial waterway connecting the Red Sea and the Mediterranean Sea took 10 years to be built and was opened to ships. The canal connected Europe to Asia without ships having to go all the way around Africa.

- **1858 The start of Modified Julian Date**

Mostly used by astronomers and astrophysicists, the Modified Julian Date (MJD) is a dating method that is defined by subtracting 2,400,000.5 days from the current Julian date (JD), which is calculated by counting the number of days past since Noon January 1, 4713 B.C.E. The MJD gives the number of days past Midnight November 17, 1858. MJD was first used in 1957 by scientists at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory to track satellites.

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

Q. In what state is the United States Naval Academy?

- Maryland
- Colorado
- California
- South Carolina

7. Once around the Table.

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 21:xx by _____ 2nd by _____.

All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday January 19, 2023 at 19:00 in [Blue Room](#).

Meeting dates for 2022 meetings start at 19:30.

January 20	February 17	March 17	April 21	May 19	June 16
July 21	Aug 18	Sept 15	Oct 20	Nov 17	Dec 15 No meeting

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

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