

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

** Meeting **

DATE: Thursday February 16, 2023 at **19:30**

Oak Forest City Hall [Blue Room](#)

Chairman: (X) Joe Pilch

Liaison to the city: (X) Paul Selman

Committee Members 11: () Chris Adams, (X) Ralph Chichester, (X) Dennis Mitzner, (X) Dave Moore, (X) John Perales, (X) 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 January minutes by Jim Pioth 2nd by Dennis Mitzner.
 - All members present approved, no nays.

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

- Would like to know if there are any World War II veterans living in Oak Forest. Gave grommets to from the retired flags to all council members and department heads at council meeting.

5. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Flag receptacle is full again. Need to plan an emptying out day when warmer.
- Are we in process of having concert at Gazebo at the old Oak-Fest grounds on July 4.
- One of our members could use a little yard clean-up assistance. We will assist in cleaning things up for him on warmer date.
- Chrissy has requested Veterans commission use the current TV monitor in vestibule for veterans pictures and information.
- St. Damian's school color guard for February 1 went well. Thanks to Tom, Wojo, Paul and me for attending.
- FLEADH is Saturday March 4. Veteran's garage vehicles are available to ride in during parade.
- Operation Gratitude, says thank you to all who served which include Veterans, active duty, and First Responders. We could donate or help in some way.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**



What Happened On This Day – February 16

- **1659** 1st known cheque written (£400), now on display at Westminster Abbey
- **1840** American [Charles Wilkes](#) discovers Shackleton Ice Shelf, Antarctica
- **1923** [Howard Carter](#) opens the [inner burial chamber](#) of Egyptian Pharaoh [Tutankhamun](#)'s tomb and finds the sarcophagus
- **1959** [Fidel Castro](#) becomes the 16th Prime Minister of Cuba after overthrowing [Fulgencio Batista](#)
- **2005** The Kyoto Protocol comes into force following its ratification by Russia committing industrialized nations to limit and reduce greenhouse gases

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

Q. In what year did the last US troops leave Vietnam?

- 1970
- 1973
- 1969
- 1976

Once around the Table.

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

John Perales – Rotary Blood Drive and free pancake breakfast with entertainment.

Ralph Chichester – Tinley Park American Legion post Irish dinner February 18.

- Auto show was not what you would think it should be.

7. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 20:30 by Dennis Mitzner 2nd by John Perales.
All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday March 16, 2023 at 19:30 in [Blue Room](#).

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

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