

OAK FOREST VETERANS COMMISSION

**** Meeting ****

DATE: Thursday July 20, 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, (X) Ralph Chichester, (X) Dennis Mitzner, () Dave Moore, () John Perales, (X) Jim Pioth, () Don Snedden, (X) Tom O'Neill, () Jim Watson, () Rich Wojotowicz

Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. Pledge of allegiance

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes

- Approval of the June minutes by Jim Pioth 2nd by Dennis Mitzner.
 - All members present approved.

4. Liaison to the City Report Paul Selman:

- No council meeting so no information to share.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Joe checking with PW about burning flags at PW area.
- Planning for Independence Day picnic in the park on July 4, 2024 at Park District Pavilion behind main Park District building.
 - Who will try incorporating Operation Gratitude into Independence Day event July 4th.
 - Need to schedule military vehicles around the area for display.
 - Need to provide food trucks.
 - 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.
 - Handout challenge coins and other veterans give aways.
- One of our members could use a little yard clean-up assistance. Joe talked with him about setting a date. His son and grandson have helped cleanup inside and outside.

- Veterans Birthday signs need to be assigned to commission members to place on lawns. If there are no volunteers, I will assign members.

6. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Suds & Stuff car wash fundraiser for Illinois Torch Run at fire station 1, Saturday August 26 09:30 to 15:30. The Veterans Commission were asked if we want a table to advertise. We will participate.

7. **Once around the Table.**

Each member shares any information for Veterans.

- Chris Adams- Asked when is scheduled opening of Culvers?

8. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at 20:30 by Dennis Mitzner 2nd by Jim Pioth.

All members present approved.

Our next meeting is Thursday August 17, 2023 at 19:30 in [the Blue Room](#).

Dates and times could change with approval of committee. May be posted in the 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 – July 20

- [514](#) St Hormisdas elected as Pope succeeding Pope Sympowerus
 - [1031](#) Henry I succeeds father Robert II as King of the Franks (1031-60)
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- [1054](#) Patriarch of Constantinople Michael Caerularius, as head of a Synod held in Constantinople excommunicates Cardinal Humbert of the Western church (Rome)
 - [1881](#) Sioux Indian Chief [Sitting Bull](#), surrenders to US federal troops.
 - [1921](#) Congresswoman [Alice Mary Robertson](#) becomes the first woman to preside over the floor of US House of Representatives
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- [1969](#) [Apollo 11](#) lunar module carrying [Neil Armstrong](#) and [Buzz Aldrin](#) lands on the surface of the Moon; Aldrin and Armstrong walk on the moon seven hours later; [Michael Collins](#) remains in orbit in the lunar module.
 - [1976](#) US Viking 1 lands on Mars at Chryse Planitia, 1st Martian landing.
 - [2017](#) China announces a plan against “foreign garbage” banning 24 categories of plastic and recyclable waste from 2018.
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Trivia: (You do not win anything, but it is fun playing?)

June question

Q. Who did NOT receive a Congressional Gold Medal?

Answer

- Walt Disney
- John Wayne
- Bob Hope
- **Henry Fonda**

July Question

1. Q. The Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, a military and maritime history museum with museum ships, is located along the Hudson River in what devilishly tasty sounding borough in Manhattan, NYC?

Answer: