

# CITY OF OAK FOREST

## Veterans Commission

Meeting

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

Blue Room – Conference Room



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

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

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Honorary Member:

Guest:

1. Pledge of allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
  - Minutes not approved because thought was no quorum.
  - Approval of the August minutes by \_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup>) picnic and concert at Park District Pavilion behind main Park District building.
    - Below is check list of things to be done:
    - Need to incorporate Operation Gratitude or Manteno Veterans Home into Independence Day event July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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- Need to schedule military vehicles around the area for display.
  - Need someone to contact food truck vendors. Dennis asked Jack Frost to attend. Paul contacted Nick V's.
  - 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 backside of pavilion. Chris.
  - Need MC of the event. Dennis Mitzner volunteered.
  - Handout challenge coins, pens, luggage tags etc. Everyone.
  - Specifications for fireworks have been finalized by the City Administrator and will be posted to the City website for quotes in October. We're going to have fireworks and everyone will know about it soon.
  - Does the Commission accept the quote from FreeByrd to play at The 2024 Independence Day Celebration? Including sound, sound man and 1-1/2 music on the 4th (maybe a little longer to fireworks) \$2,400 covers everything. **Everyone is onboard with this group.**
  - Paul has spoke to Nick V. about bringing a food truck. He is checking his schedule, but seemed excited about working so close to home.
- Veterans Birthday sign placement has been assigned to commission members. I believe we are up to date in placing signs.
6. New business
- St. Damian had listed veterans in one of their bulletins. We would like to know how to contact them
  - Discussion on Wreaths Across America, donating to the Manteno Veterans Home and Scams against Veterans
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](#).

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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

May 18

June 15

July 20 August 17 September 21

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

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

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- [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 Answer:

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:

A.