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**MINUTES OF COMMISSION MEETING**  
**THURSDAY, April 25, 2019**  
**7:00 P.M.**  
**VETERANS MEMORIAL COMMISSION**

Commission Members Present: Ralph Pechanio David Gass, Bill Shanklin, Rev. Stanley Harding,  
and Mike Monell

Commission Members Absent: Paul Tilton and Alderman Mark Mulliner

Guests Present: None

**1) Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pechanio at 7:08 p.m.

**2) Review Minutes of March 28, 2019**

Motion to approve was made by Bill Shanklin, seconded by Dave Gass.  
Minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

**3) Treasurer's Report**

In the Treasurers absence Ralph Pechanio reported a balance of \$2,855.00 as of April 25,  
2019. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by Mike Monell, seconded by Rev. Stanley.  
Approved by unanimous vote

**4) Reports from Commission Members**

**a) Administration:**

Chairman Ralph Pechanio informed the Commissioners that he has received an  
application form to honor Captain Scott T. Corwin at the Veterans Memorial. Ralph both  
corresponded and talked on the phone with Allison Corwin, Scott's sister. Ms. Corwin  
hopes to have the service on Sunday, June 2. The date was discussed with our Honor  
Guard supervisor Bill Shanklin who approved the date subject to verification with  
members John Scudder and Rus Strahan as Bill will be out of the country. Bill will verify  
and inform Ralph so he can prepare the dated Press Release and correspond with Ms.  
Corwin as soon as possible.

**b) American Legion:**

Bill Shanklin provided a brief report on Post activities

c) **V.F.W.:**

Dave Gass again reported that he can't get any support to represent Villa Park Post 2801 in Elmhurst activities. He said he has done his best, but the members aren't interested in Elmhurst's efforts on the behalf of Veterans.

d) **American Legion Auxiliary:**

No report as position is vacant.

e) **V.F.W Auxiliary:**

No report as position remains vacant.

f) **Clergy:**

Rev. Stanley Harding informed us that as a follow up to our last meetings discussion that he is drafting a letter to all the Elmhurst Churches to provide applications to the Commission to honor deceased Veterans. He will submit his draft to Ralph for approval.

g) **Park District:**

Mike Monell reserved his remarks for the discussion of the Veterans service at the Memorial in Wilder Park following the Parade.

h) **School District:**

Absent, no report

5) **Plans for Memorial Day Activities of Monday, May 27, 2019**

Ralph as Co-Chairman of the 101<sup>st</sup> Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade circulated his latest draft of the Parade line-up for discussion. Ralph noted that we have 90 entries as of now. He pointed out that we have been promised a Military Vehicle from the Illinois National Guard, and if they do participate they will be the first Military unit. A brief discussion followed.

Bill Shanklin provided a draft of the program for the Military Service to follow the Parade. He reviewed the program for comments. Ralph noted that our President Abraham Lincoln portrayer, Kevin Wood, should be included as was previously discussed. Bill made the change and also repositioned the placement of our new musical entry, the Chorus of DuPage. The program will include provisions for Special Presentations to be announced. Mike Monell presented his Veterans Memorial layout plan for our reference and use. Ralph thanked Mike for all of his help at the Memorial on our behalf.

6) **Other Business**

Dave Gass most reluctantly submitted his letter of resignation from the Commission as the Post in Villa Park will not connect with our activities. Ralph accepted his resignation with regret as Dave has served since the inception of the Memorial Commission in the Spring of 1993 under Elmhurst VFW Post 2048 and currently representing Villa Park VFW Post 2801, its successor. Ralph will present Dave's resignation to the City Manager and direct that VFW

Villa Park Post 2801 be removed from the Elmhurst Veterans Memorial Commission bylaws, thus reducing our official members from nine (9) to seven (7).

7) **Public Comment**

None. No guests present.

8) **Next Meeting Date**

The next commission meeting will be held on Thursday, 7pm, May 23, 2019.

9) **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dave Gass, seconded by Mike Monell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Submitted by Ralph Pechanio, Chairman