

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

April 27, 2015

MINUTES

Member Hodson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance and members held a moment of silence for the departed.

Roll Call: Dan Clayton – Present
Mike Ebert – *Absent, excused –leave of absence*
William Hegarty – Present
Paul Hodson – Present
Douglas Lundberg, Jr. – Present
Pat Moschetto – Present
John Rush – *Absent, excused*

Guests: Robert Beyers, Former EHTVAB Member
Patrolman Paul Weldon, EHTPD Liasion
SFC Robert Williams, Active Duty Army Veteran, current NJ Army NG

APPROVALS

‡ Minutes of March 23, 2015

The meeting minutes were discussed.

→ Motion made by Hodson, second Moschetto. All present voted- yes.

MISCELLANEOUS BOARD BUSINESS

Member Lundberg reported that Member Ebert's situation is improving but needs more time.

OLD BUSINESS

‡ Memorial Day Preparation

→ *Parade Setup*

Member Hodson reported he is working on the Atlantic County resolution for the road detour.

Member Lundberg reported that there was five groups that have signed up for the parade.

Patrolman Weldon confirmed the EHTPD Color Guard will be able to participate.

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Member Lundberg confirmed with Patrolman Weldon that the EHTPD Color Guard can be placed anywhere in the parade order the Board wishes.

Member Lundberg confirmed the Atlantic County Squadron-Civil Air Patrol is providing a Color Guard.

Members continued to discuss the placement and order of the parade participants, and will use the map SFC Williams developed to ensure a smoother formation. Once completed the map will be issued to the participants by being posted online and hard copies on hand for parade setup members.

Member Hodson will obtain two golf charts.

Member Hodson noted that he had thought he had heard that Northfield was not conducting their parade this year. Member Lundberg noted that if that was true, it was possible that their Army Reserve unit might be obtainable for the Township Parade and that he will look into it.

SFC Williams is working on advertising and setting up a group of veterans and their families from the Township so that they can participate in walking in the parade this year. Members were pleased with his work on this and encouraged him to continue with that project.

Member Hodson wants the advertisement SFC Williams developed to be posted at Township Hall, on the Township TV station, in the newspapers, and on the Township website. Member Lundberg said he will pass on that request to Township Secretary Jenna Rocco.

Member Hegarty completed his work on the volunteer ID cards.

→ *Ceremony Setup*

Member Lundberg requested that Patrolman Weldon look into the capabilities of the EHTPD providing a Three-Volley Salute, or allowing choice veterans to perform it. Lundberg stated it only takes a minimum of three people/rifles to perform the salute. SFC Williams said he will look into the possibility of the USAF providing it.

Member Hodson reported a possibility of improving the Veteran Memorial with additional pavers so that the ceremony site will be better suited for events.

Member Hodson will put in the request for the bleachers and chairs. Member Clayton suggested the bleachers be placed further back and to the side this year to allow more room up front for participants.

Member Clayton will be providing sound equipment again this year. He needs to know the needs of the singers beforehand.

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Member Lundberg will look into the EHTHS band and choir directors to see the possibility of them providing taps and patriotic melodies and songs.

Member Moschetto will look into having the Atlantic County Library open their restroom up for the morning. If they are unable, Member Hodson will look into obtaining a few portable units.

Member Lundberg confirmed the Girl Scouts and Boy Scout Troop and Pack 94 will be leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Moschetto will sing the National Anthem. He will also check to see if his singing partner will be available to do other selections.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Lundberg requested the Board start to think about Flag Day as it occurs quickly after Memorial Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 11, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the Cardiff VFW.

This meeting will strictly be for Memorial Day preparation.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 8:15 PM:
→ Motion made by Hodson, second Moschetto. All present voted- yes.

Douglas Lundberg, Member
Acting Secretary