

# *Township of Egg Harbor*

## Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098  
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

**May 19, 2014**

### **MINUTES**

Member Hodson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Guests: Captain Dave Druding, EHTPD Memorial Day Liaison  
Beth Epstein, EHTVAB Auxiliary  
John Humphreys, Post Commander, Cardiff VFW Post 8098

### **⚔ Memorial Day 2014 Continued Preparation**

The sole purpose of this meeting was to finalize preparations for Memorial Day.

#### Program

Member Hodson made Thursday, May 22nd the final day for program corrections.

Member Lundberg reported he has nearly completed the program and members discussed it.

Member Moschetto suggested that the program include a thank you to the Township citizens for their support. Members agreed that it should be added.

Member Hodson will request Township Secretary Janice Hughes prepare double the amount of programs to be handed out.

Ceremony Speakers: Member Hodson reported that USCG Airstation Commander Captain Mingo would not be able to speak.

Member Lundberg reported he was able to secure SSG Estergren's family. Estergren's nephew (Bill Kurtz) will speak and his cousin (Sue Koiro) will recite a poem she wrote.

Member Lundberg reported he has secured Lt Col Albert J. Danza from the 177th NJ Air National Guard to speak.

Ceremony Events: Member Moschetto reported that he would sing "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "God Bless America." Moschetto will also sing "Proud to be an American" as a duet with John Lovelock.

Member Lundberg reported he secured bagpiper Jeff MacNeill as a volunteer to play "Amazing Grace."

Member Lundberg asked Captain Druding to report on the possibility of a "three-volley gun salute." This is not possible this year due to not enough manpower to both provide both a color guard and a gun salute. Other than this manpower issue such an event is possible and should be worked on for future ceremonies. Member Hodson suggested the Board look into this further to see if manpower could be added to by other means, for example, Board Members or other volunteers.

Member Lundberg reported that the USCG Airstation will not be able to provide a flyover.

Miscellaneous Setup: Member Hodson has contacted public works concerning replacing the flags, grass cutting, bleachers, and all other necessary tasks.

Member Clayton will mark the area for proper placement of the bleachers.

#### Parade Setup/ Events:

Member Hodson reported that the Township has secured a donation of a retired military 5-ton truck. If it is delivered in time for the parade, and is in presentable condition, he will attempt to secure it for parade use this year. Member Clayton would be able to drive this truck in the parade if need be.

Member Lundberg reported a near certainty that the 177th NJANG will provide HMMWV's and their Crash/Rescue/Fire trucks for the parade, and a color guard.

#### After Ceremony Events

John Humphreys reported that his VFW Post will be open for refreshments from 11:00AM-1:00PM. He also stated that at 12:00PM there will be a monument dedication and he requested that all Board Members, Deputy Mayor/Committee Liaison Hodson, and Mayor McCullough attend so that everyone can be recognized for their assistance.

### **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

John Humphreys stated that on June 14th a fundraiser at the Post will occur to support a local veteran. He also stated that the Post on June 15th will hold a BBQ to support the veterans who reside at the Vineland Veterans Memorial Home.

Member Hodson reminded the Board that Flag Day will quickly approach after Memorial Day and that Members should start getting ideas together. Member Moschetto will not be able to attend.

Member Hodson again reminded the Board that this years September 11th Ceremony will occur at Bargaintown Fire Department's September 11th Memorial.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Unless otherwise specified, members are to meet at 8:30AM on Memorial Day at the back gate of the golf course utility entrance along Zion Road for Memorial Day parade setup.

No meeting was scheduled; however, one will be scheduled after Memorial Day for Flag Day preparation. Please look for a meeting notice to be issued.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 7:50PM:  
→ Motion made by Clayton, second Moschetto. All present voted- yes.

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Douglas Lundberg, Member  
Acting Secretary