

Township of Egg Harbor

Veterans Advisory Board

Cardiff VFW Post 8098
3029 Spruce Avenue, EHT

June 23, 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 – *Absent, excused*
Milas Cook – Present
Mike Ebert – *Absent*
William Hegarty – Present
Paul Hodson – Present
Douglas Lundberg, Jr. – Present
Pat Moschetto – *Absent, excused*
John Rush – Present

Guests: Beth Epstein, EHTVAB Auxiliary

APPROVALS

⚔ **Minutes of April 28, 2014**

⚔ **Minutes of May 12, 2014**

⚔ **Minutes of May 19, 2014**

⚔ **Minutes of June 2, 2014**

Member Lundberg brought the last four meeting minutes to the board for approval. They were not approved at each subsequent meeting because those meetings were primarily for Memorial Day and Flag Day preparation.

- Motion to accept the four minutes as prepared:
→ Motion made by Rush, second Hodson. All present voted: yes.

OLD BUSINESS

⚔ **Memorial Day 2014 After Action Report**

Member Hodson stated he was very pleased with how the Estergren family honoring worked out.

Member Lundberg stated he has received a written thank you from the Estergren family for acknowledging the sacrifice of their family.

Member Lundberg reported that the Puggi family, who had also lost a son in Vietnam, has reached out to him ready to go for next year. However, Lundberg will look into this as the wall states he is MIA not KIA and will investigate if the classification has changed.

Beth Epstein commented how it was difficult to help with the parade setup, as no one in the public knew her position and qualifications with the Board. She recommends a lanyard with ID badge or other sort of identification for her and other volunteers.

Member Rush noted deficiencies in the parade. Member Hodson has indicated Rush will be in charge of the parade setup for next year, to include but not be limited to parade marchers formation, order, and location; and community center opening and staffing for inclement weather.

Member Lundberg suggested that a simple listing of type of marcher, i.e., color guard/walker/vehicles, be listed on the registration to notify them immediately what street to form up at.

§ Flag Day 2014 After Action Report

Member Hodson was very pleased how Flag Day turned out, especially the securing of Alder Avenue Middle School Chorus and Juliana Gonzalez for the National Anthem.

Member Lundberg explained how Alder Avenue Middle School stepped up after the High School informed him of their inability to help.

Member Hodson also mentioned the historical D-Day picture Lundberg provided for the handout has received many compliments.

Member Lundberg stated that Township Secretary Janice Hughes has sent out the appropriate thank you letters to those involved.

Member Hodson acknowledged the behind the scene efforts of Janice Hughes and Lundberg in putting together the event and producing the handout.

§ Veterans Memorial Rehabilitation

Member Rush stated his disappointment on how the Memorial looked for the past two events; specifically, the flag ropes have yet to be replaced and the lack of flowers. Another issue he brought up was the promise of open restrooms at the Library for Memorial Day.

Member Hodson again reminded the Board that he has contacted Public Works numerous times concerning the flags, ropes, flowers, and weeding. He has also contacted Township Administrator Peter Miller to investigate a redesign and improvement of the Memorial location itself.

Member Hodson mentioned he would look into a port-a-potty for Memorial Day. He reminded the board that while the Atlantic County Library had promised open restrooms for Memorial

Day, they are a different government organization and the Board has little options other than to submit a request, which was completed this year by Member Moschetto.

Member Rush notified the board that his nephew, who works for an architect firm, will be looking over the Memorial in order to draw it out and offer ideas to the Township.

Member Rush also stated that he has contacted a sign company in Northfield that will investigate what will be needed to hang a banner over the existing area across Ocean Heights, between the Veterans Memorial/Veterans Drive and Leap Street. The purpose of this is to hang a banner across the street to advertise the annual Memorial Day events.

§ September 11th Memorial

Member Lundberg will reach out to Bargaintown Fire Department's leadership to begin preparing for the September 11th Memorial.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Lundberg mentioned that Boy Scout Troop 94 has made an informal notice to him that a member is looking to conduct a Veteran oriented Eagle Scout Project and may need the Board's assistance for ideas, etc.

Beth Epstein reminded the Board that the Veteran's Day essay contest is coming up and that she will again assist with securing awards.

ADJOURNMENT

Members decided that a meeting during July is not necessary.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday August 25, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Cardiff VFW.

That meeting will finalize preparations for the September 11th Ceremony.

- Motion to adjourn the meeting made at 7:45 PM:
 - Motion made by Hodson, second Rush. All present voted- yes.

Douglas Lundberg, Member

Acting Secretary