

**MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE HAMDEN VETERANS COMMISSION
HELD VIA ZOOM
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021**

Commissioners Present: Mr. Jackson, Mr. Lewis, Ms. Lupi, Mr. Maebry, Mr. Mitchell
Mr. Oakes, Mr. Shepard, Mr. Weil

Commissioners Absent: Mr. Best, Mr. Goodwin

Approval of Minutes – March 2, 2021 - APPROVED.

Memorial Day – Monday, May 31, 2021 – Mr. Oakes reported the Color Guard is all set. We have 2 Firemen and 2 Policemen. He reviewed the program and the assignments.

There was discussion on a press release. Mr. Oakes has spoken with Patrick Donnelly and stated Patrick knows the restrictions. Ms. Lupi quoted the latest info released by Gov. Lamont. She has the press release and will make the appropriate revisions.

Ms. Lupi has made arrangements for the PA system and for TAPS. If Mathew Mueller is home from college in time he will do it. If not, Mr. Mitchell has an audio of TAPS & a machine to play TAPS.

Mr. Oakes reported the wreaths are all set. He has not heard from Post 88. He will contact them. The Columbus Day Organization is all set. It was agreed to have a rehearsal at the Monument prior to Memorial Day. They will set the day/time at the next meeting.

Mr. Mitchell asked if we want to print programs. It was agreed there should be a program distributed. He's pretty sure Mr. Goodwin will volunteer to take care of printing the programs.

Flags on Graves – Ms. Lupi reported the flags are “all set”. She has the list for the cemeteries and will have the schedule for placement of the flags at the next meeting. Mr. Oakes agreed that everyone should have the same assignments as previous years.

Summary of Help for Homeless Veterans - Mr. Shepard reported the Errera Center still offers assistance. He created cards that could be given to homeless veterans w/their contact info.

Replacement for Veterans Awareness Day – No info available at this time.

Mr. Oakes informed the Commission that Nancy Torello had to resign from the HVC. He has already spoken to Vera. He asked that you let him know if you know anyone who would be interested in joining the Veterans Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:33p

Submitted by: Deborah Gaiolini
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