



**Southfield Veterans'  
Commission**

**Serving all Vets**

Minutes: November 9, 2009

*Present:*

Commissioners: Dan Brightwell, Tim Wirkus, Gregory Pulliam, Louis Robinson, Larry McLemore

Excused: Bryan Jarrell, Felix Seldon

Professional Staff:

Volunteers & Visitors:

Call to Order (Dan Brightwell) at 6:30PM, Parks & Recreation Bldg, Room 112, with Pledge of Allegiance.

Meeting Minutes:

Tim passed out copies and read the October meeting minutes. A couple of minor changes were noted. On a motion by Dan, seconded by Larry, minutes were approved.

Chair Report:

Dan reported on the following items:

1. All members should meet tomorrow morning (11/10) at 10:45AM for the Veterans Day ceremony. Lets all try and sit together.
2. Mailbox flag program is still on hold while we try to obtain the boxes. We will start looking at what other types of boxes we could use for this program.
3. Nothing has been done to contact the Salvation Army as to where their homeless vet beds will be located.
4. Discussed the lunch at the Berkley DAV post on Wednesday. All commission members are invited to attend.
5. Reported that we have only two Wednesdays booked for the History Project in December due to holidays. Will resume the project in January.
6. Made a presentation on the History Project to the Birmingham Men's Club. Hope to pick up some interviews there.

Treasurer Report:

Gregory reported that there have been no changes to our accounts.

Old Business:

Patch/Pin Program:

Larry, Louis, & Tim will work to put something together to show the whole commission at the January meeting.

Army Covenant:

Tim will put together a sample ordinance proposal to bring to the meeting in January for the board to approve. This will then be presented to city council at one of their future meetings.

Veteran Seminar:

Dan reported that Felix wants to move our next seminar to either the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May, rather than June. Also would like to hold the seminar in the pavilion so that we can handle more people, which would be anticipated if held on a weekend.

Website Links Page:

Tim passed out a sample page of links that he is working on for the website. Needs more work and then must be oked by the city IT department.

New Business:

Louis suggested that maybe we should look into having one of our meetings televised on cable channel 15. Dan asked that Louis take a look at this and report back at the January meeting.

Louis reported the Post Office mailing cut-off dates to get packages to our troops overseas.

There will not be a December meeting. Instead all commission members, and their guests, will meet at Sweet Loraine's for dinner on Monday, December 14. The next regular meeting will be on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM in the Parks & Rec building.

*On a motion by Tim, seconded by Larry, meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.*

Tim Wirkus  
Secretary

Minutes approved at a regular meeting of the Veterans' Commission on January 14, 2010.