



## **SOUTHFIELD VETERANS' COMMISSION MINUTES – April 7, 2019**

The meeting of the Southfield Veterans' Commission was called to order by Chair Pulliam with presentation of colors, and pledge of allegiance.

### **MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

G. Pulliam, G. Houston, D. Craig, B. Seldon, R Caruthers, B. Clarke  
Liaison: C. Miller, Excused

### **CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:**

Gregory Pulliam  
No Report

### **TREASURER REPORT:**

Dr. Rodney Caruthers

No written report: The March minutes were corrected to reflect that financial accounting is coordinated with the City of Southfield. The system is down and there are new people handling the account. There will be no written report until further notice. The amount in the treasury now is \$6509.00. There are funds raised for the spell Bowl. \$250 dollars were earned. Mr. Pulliam was the only commissioner in attendance.

### **ACTING SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Barbara Seldon

Minutes were read by the secretary. Corrections were made.

Corrections include recognition that Felix Seldon to be recommended for SVC Excellence Award during Memorial Day Ceremony.

It was moved and seconded that March minutes be approved with corrections. (Carried)

### **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Gerald Houston

A plaque for Tim Wirkus (posthumous) and Felix Seldon will be presented during Memorial Day Ceremony.

An application was received. John Eley, Jr, former Army will be a candidate for SVC. Awaiting approval by Council.

Women Veterans Empowerment Group was successful. They had 86 visitors and 12 vendors . Gerald Houston attended Dignity Memorial Luncheon a VA Burial Seminar in Novi. He received information pertaining to veteran's burial rights. Some of the information included:

- US Dept VA benefits do not cover all the funeral and cremation arrangement benefits for veterans
- Veteran family has to request for a flag
- If you are to be buried at Holly you must request in advance.

The Memorial Day Program has been finalized. A letter has been written by Mike Marion and will be going out. A flyer has been designed and is being distributed. It will be placed on the website. The program is scheduled for May 24th 9:00AM, Council chambers.

Plaques have been ordered for Tim Wirkus, and Felix Seldon. There will be Southfield police/Fire, 21 gun salute, and moderator. No national anthem.

Moved and 2<sup>nd</sup> that Chairman Pulliam present plaques to the recipient. (carried)

**COMMISSIONER DANNY CRAIG:**

Danny Craig has been appointed by the Governor to Michigan Veterans Memorial Parks Commission. Congratulations given by the SVC members present.

Danny Craig Had the Veterans support group meeting March 20<sup>th</sup> . 18 members were in attendance.

Ron Washington and Harold Hughes were providing needed information about service connected claims.

It was discussed that there is nothing for homeless females in the city of Detroit. There is a perception out there that if a veteran female make it known that they are homeless their children will be taken away. This is not true. The next meeting is May 15<sup>th</sup>. A flyer will be designed and distributed.

On May 6th here will be an AARP reception honoring female veterans. Among the 9 honorees will be Stephanie Shannon and Barbara Seldon. It will be held at Fellowship Church 7707 Outer Drive from 5 – 7:30PM.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> a large veteran's support group including service officer, vendors. Veterans and non veterans are being invited. It will be a round table discussion. Everyone gets a chance to participate. It will involve veteran benefits. Advocates will be there to help you get your claims approved. There will be much about High blood pressure, diabetes, Agent Orange, PTSD, sexual trauma. There is a need for former female vets. The hardest part is getting people there. There will be flyers distributed. The biggest problem is that folks don't reach out for information or ask questions. It will be scheduled in room 115 here in Parks and Recreation. Danny Craig will contact Jonathan Rahn before he retires to secure the room.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**NONE**

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**Next meeting May 13th**

**DEPARTING PRAYER**

**RETIREMENT OF COLORS**

**ADJOURNMENT**